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# **FORM 10-Q**

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2015

or

o 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. 000-51754

# CROCS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

20-2164234 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

7477 East Dry Creek Parkway, Niwot, Colorado 80503

(Address, including zip code, of registrant s principal executive offices)

(303) 848-7000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the 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 x No o

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 x No o

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

Large accelerated filer x

Accelerated filer o

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

Smaller reporting company o

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

As of April 30, 2015, Crocs, Inc. had 76,982,807 shares of its \$0.001 par value common stock outstanding.

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#### **Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In addition, we may make other written and oral communications from time to time that contain such statements. Forward-looking statements include statements as to industry trends, our future expectations and other matters that do not relate strictly to historical facts and are based on certain assumptions of our management. These statements, which express management s current views concerning future events or results, use words like anticipate, assume, believe, continue, estimate, expect, future, intend, plan, verbs like could, may, might, should, will, would and similar expressions or variations. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements include, without limitation, those described in the section entitled Risk Factors under Item 1A in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Moreover, such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this report. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements.

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## Form 10-Q

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## PART I Financial Information

## **ITEM 1. Financial Statements**

## CROCS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited)

(\$ thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2015		2014
Revenues	\$ 262,193	\$	312,429
Cost of sales	134,823		156,202
Gross profit	127,370		156,227
Selling, general and administrative expenses	126,069		137,155
Restructuring charges (Note 5)	3,663		2,250
Income (loss) from operations	(2,362)		16,822
Foreign currency transaction gain (loss), net	494		(2,768)
Interest income	288		477
Interest expense	(219)		(191)
Other income (expense), net	(331)		141
Income (loss) before income taxes	(2,130)		14,481
Income tax expense	(295)		(5,357)
Net income (loss)	(2,425)		9,124
Dividends on Series A convertible preferred shares (Note 12)	(2,833)		(2,133)
Dividend equivalents on Series A convertible preferred shares related to redemption value			
accretion and beneficial conversion feature (Note 12)	(721)		(618)
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ (5,979)	\$	6,373
Net income (loss) per common share (Note 11):			
Basic	\$ (0.08)	\$	0.06
Diluted	\$ (0.08)	\$	0.06

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

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## CROCS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(Unaudited)

(\$ thousands)

	Three Months Ended			
	March 31,			
	2015		2014	
Net income (loss)	\$ (2,425)	\$	9,124	
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Loss on foreign currency translation	(23,864)		(980)	
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (26,289)	\$	8,144	

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

## CROCS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

## (\$ thousands, except number of shares)

		As of March 31, 2015		As of December 31, 2014
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	180,698	\$	267,512
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$33,745 and \$32,392, respectively		174,099		101,217
Inventories		184,720		171,012
Deferred tax assets, net		3,971		4,190
Income tax receivable		11,833		9,332
Other receivables		11,775		11,989
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		27,056		30,156
Total current assets		594,152		595,408
Property and equipment, net		68,277		68,288
Intangible assets, net		89,384		97,337
Goodwill		2,227		2,044
Deferred tax assets, net		17,536		17,886
Other assets		23,640		25,968
Total assets	\$	795,216	\$	806,931
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY				
Current liabilities:	Φ.	01.455	Φ.	12.022
Accounts payable	\$	81,455	\$	42,923
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		83,887		80,216
Deferred tax liabilities, net		11,853		11,869
Accrued restructuring		4,708		4,511
Income taxes payable		6,186 5,284		9,078
Current portion of long-term borrowings and capital lease obligations  Total current liabilities				5,288
		193,373 7,832		153,885 8,843
Long-term income tax payable  Long-term borrowings and capital lease obligations		5.074		6,381
Long-term accrued restructuring		244		348
Other liabilities		9,753		12,277
Total liabilities		216,276		181,734
Commitments and contingencies (Note 13)		210,270		101,734
Series A convertible preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 1,000,000 shares authorized,				
200,000 shares issued and outstanding, redemption amount and liquidation preference of				
\$202,833 and \$203,067 as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively (Note 12)		173,400		172,679
Stockholders equity:		173,100		172,079
Preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 4,000,000 shares authorized, none outstanding				
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 250,000,000 shares authorized, 92,771,653 and				
77,222,053 shares issued and outstanding, respectively, as of March 31, 2015 and 92,325,201				
and 78,516,566 shares issued and outstanding, respectively, as of December 31, 2014		93		92
Treasury stock, at cost, 15,549,600 and 13,808,635 shares as of March 31, 2015 and				
December 31, 2014, respectively		(220,635)		(200,424)
Additional paid-in capital		348,807		345,732
Retained earnings		319,491		325,470
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(42,216)		(18,352)

Total stockholders equity		405,540	452,518
Total liabilities, commitments and contingencies and stockholders	equity	\$ 795,216 \$	806,931

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

## CROCS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited) (\$ thousands)

	Three Months E	nded Ma	arch 31, 2014
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income (loss)	\$ (2,425)	\$	9,124
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	9,719		9,373
Unrealized gain on foreign exchange, net	(1,751)		(5,708)
Provision for doubtful accounts, net	1,272		768
Share-based compensation	2,949		4,621
Other non-cash items	219		49
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(78,436)		(103,188)
Inventories	(18,955)		(30,484)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,541		2,514
Accounts payable	42,783		31,675
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	2,322		18,693
Accrued restructuring	306		2,250
Income taxes	(7,256)		(2,425)
Cash used in operating activities	(46,712)		(62,738)
Cash flows from investing activities:	, , ,		
Cash paid for purchases of property and equipment	(1,340)		(5,089)
Cash paid for intangible assets	(5,145)		(10,247)
Change in restricted cash	272		(583)
Cash used in investing activities	(6,213)		(15,919)
Cash flows from financing activities:	, ,		,
Proceeds from preferred stock offering, net of issuance costs of \$0.0 million and \$15.8			
million, respectively			182,220
Dividends - Series A preferred stock	(3,067)		
Repayment of bank borrowings and capital lease obligations	(1,309)		(1,295)
Issuances of common stock	174		518
Purchase of treasury stock	(19,997)		(13,031)
Repurchase of common stock for tax withholding	(261)		(669)
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(24,460)		167,743
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(9,429)		5,576
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(86,814)		94,662
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of period	267,512		317,144
Cash and cash equivalents end of period	\$ 180,698	\$	411,806
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information cash paid during the period for:			
Interest, net of capitalized interest	\$ 616	\$	152
Income taxes	\$ 7,101	\$	7,213
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities:			
Accrued purchases of property and equipment	\$ 363	\$	1,612
Accrued purchases of intangibles	\$ 68	\$	5,088
Accrued dividends	\$ 2,833	\$	2,133
Accretion of dividend equivalents	\$ 721	\$	618

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

#### CROCS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

#### 1. ORGANIZATION & SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

*Organization* Crocs, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively the Company, we, our or us) are engaged in the design, development, manufacturing marketing and distribution of footwear, apparel and accessories for men, women and children.

#### Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) for interim financial information and with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for reporting on Form 10-Q. The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2014 was derived from the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 (the 2014 Form 10-K) but does not include all disclosures required by GAAP. The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and these notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the 2014 Form 10-K. In the opinion of management, these financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting solely of normal recurring matters) considered necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods presented. The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year.

#### Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts on the condensed consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation. We segregated certain restructuring charges recorded to selling, general and administrative expenses on the condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to the restructuring charges line item on the condensed consolidated statement of operations. In addition, we segregated certain accrued restructuring liabilities on the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to the accrued restructuring line on the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2014. These reclassifications had no effect on income from operations, current liabilities or cash provided by (used in) operating activities.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Earnings per Share

Basic and diluted earnings per common share ( EPS ) is presented using the two-class method, which is an earnings allocation formula that determines earnings per share for common stock and any participating securities according to dividend rights and participation rights in undistributed earnings. Under the two-class method, EPS is computed by dividing the sum of distributed and undistributed earnings attributable to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. A participating security is a security that may participate in undistributed earnings with common stock had those earnings been distributed in any form. Our recently issued Series A convertible preferred stock ( Series A preferred stock ) represents participating securities as holders of the Series A preferred stock are entitled to receive any and all dividends declared or paid on common stock on an as-converted basis. In addition, shares of our non-vested restricted stock awards are considered participating securities as they represent unvested share-based payment awards containing non-forfeitable rights to dividends. As such, these participating securities must be included in the computation of EPS pursuant to the two-class method on a pro-rata, as-converted basis. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution from securities that could share in our earnings. In addition, the dilutive effect of each participating security is calculated using the more dilutive of the two-class method described above, which assumes that the securities remain in their current form, or the if-converted method, which assumes conversion to common stock as of the beginning of the reporting date. Anti-dilutive securities are excluded from diluted EPS. See Note 11 Earnings Per Share for further discussion.

Depreciation and Amortization

During the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, we recorded \$4.7 million and \$5.4 million, respectively, in depreciation expense of which \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, was recorded in Cost of sales, with the remaining amounts recorded in Selling, general and administrative expenses on the condensed consolidated statements of operations. As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, accumulated depreciation was \$106.1 million and \$99.8 million, respectively.

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#### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

#### **Debt Issuance Costs**

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2015-03 Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs, which requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. This ASU requires retrospective adoption and will be effective for us beginning in our first quarter of 2016. Early adoption is permitted. We do not expect that this pronouncement will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

#### Going Concern

On August 27, 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-15, which provides guidance on determining when and how reporting entities must disclose going concern uncertainties in their financial statements. The new standard requires management to perform interim and annual assessments of an entity s ability to continue as a going concern within one year of the date of issuance of the entity s financial statements (or within one year after the date on which the financial statements are available to be issued, when applicable). Further, an entity must provide certain disclosures if there is substantial doubt about the entity s ability to continue as a going concern. This ASU is effective for annual periods ending after December 16, 2016, and interim periods thereafter. Early adoption is permitted. We do not expect that this pronouncement will have a material impact on our financial statement disclosures.

#### Share-Based Payment

On June 19, 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-12 in response to the EITF consensus on Issue 13-D. The ASU clarifies that entities should treat performance targets that can be met after the requisite service period of a share-based payment award as performance conditions that affect vesting. Therefore, an entity would not record compensation expense related to an award for which transfer to the employee is contingent on the entity s satisfaction of a performance target until it becomes probable that the performance target will be met. The ASU does not contain any new disclosure requirements. This ASU is effective for all entities for reporting periods (including interim periods) beginning after December 15, 2015. We do not expect that this pronouncement will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

#### Revenue Recognition

In May 2014, the FASB issued their final standard on revenue from contracts with customers. The standard, issued as ASU No. 2014-09: *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)* by the FASB, outlines a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and supersedes most current revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific guidance. The core principle of the revenue model is that an entity recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In applying the revenue model to contracts within its scope, an entity:

- Identifies the contract(s) with a customer (Step 1)
- Identifies the performance obligations in the contract (Step 2)
- Determines the transaction price (Step 3)
- Allocates the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract (Step 4)
- Recognizes revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation (Step 5)

The ASU applies to all contracts with customers except those that are within the scope of other topics in the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. Certain of the ASU s provisions also apply to transfers of nonfinancial assets, including in-substance nonfinancial assets that are not an output of an entity s ordinary activities (e.g., sales of property, plant, and equipment, real estate or intangible assets). Existing accounting guidance applicable to these transfers has been amended or superseded. Compared with current GAAP, the ASU also requires significantly expanded disclosures about revenue recognition. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods (including interim reporting periods within those periods) beginning after December 15, 2016. Early application is not permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact that this pronouncement will have on our consolidated financial statements.

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#### 2. INVENTORIES

The following table summarizes inventories by major classification as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	As of March 31, 2015			
	(\$ thousands)			
Finished goods	\$ 179,849	\$	167,515	
Work-in-progress	518		703	
Raw materials	4,353		2,794	
Inventories	\$ 184,720	\$	171,012	

#### 3. GOODWILL & INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The following table summarizes the goodwill and identifiable intangible assets as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

(\$ thousands)	Gross Carrying Amount	Accu	h 31, 2015 imulated ortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	A	ember 31, 2014 ccumulated mortization	Net arrying mount
Capitalized software	\$ 159,357(1)	\$	(71,815)(2)	\$ 87,542	\$ 157,615(1)	\$	(62,591)(2)	\$ 95,024
Customer relationships	5,026		(5,026)		5,945		(5,798)	147
Patents, copyrights, and								
trademarks	6,114		(4,713)	1,401	6,702		(4,931)	1,771
Core technology	4,170		(4,170)		4,170		(4,170)	
Other	434		(290)	144	698		(636)	62
Total finite lived intangible assets	175,101		(86,014)	89,087	175,130		(78,126)	97,004
Indefinite lived intangible assets	297			297	333			333
Goodwill(3)	2,227			2,227	2,044			2,044
Goodwill and intangible assets	\$ 177,625	\$	(86,014)	\$ 91,611	\$ 177,507	\$	(78,126)	\$ 99,381

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes \$4.1 million of software held under a capital lease classified as capitalized software as of each of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

The following table summarizes estimated future annual amortization of intangible assets as of March 31, 2015:

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes \$2.6 million and \$2.5 million of accumulated amortization of software held under a capital lease as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, which is amortized using the straight-line method over the useful life.

<sup>(3)</sup> Change in goodwill relates entirely to foreign currency translation.

Fiscal years ending March 31,	Amortization (\$ thousands)				
Remainder of 2015	\$ 13,925				
2016	17,144				
2017	15,480				
2018	13,361				
2019	11,324				
Thereafter	17,853				
Total	\$ 89 087				

During the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, amortization expense recorded for intangible assets with finite lives was \$5.0 million and \$4.0 million, respectively, of which \$1.4 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, was recorded in Cost of sales, with the remaining amounts recorded in Selling, general and administrative expenses on the condensed consolidated statements of operations. As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, accumulated amortization was \$86.0 million and \$78.1 million, respectively.

#### 4. ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

The following table summarizes accrued expenses and other current liabilities as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	As of March 31, 2015		As of December 31, 2014
	(\$ thousa	nds)	
Accrued compensation and benefits	\$ 25,737	\$	23,824
Professional services	13,373		16,212
Fulfillment, freight and duties	15,884		12,110
Sales/use and VAT tax payable	6,439		5,897
Accrued rent and occupancy	7,813		9,675
Customer deposits	3,545		3,075
Deferred revenue and royalties payable	3,155		2,005
Dividend payable	2,833		3,067
Accrued legal liabilities	629		2,150
Other (1)	4,479		2,201
Total accrued expenses and other current liabilities	\$ 83,887	\$	80,216

<sup>(1)</sup> The amounts in Other consist of various accrued expenses and no individual item accounted for more than 5% of the total balance as of March 31, 2015 or December 31, 2014.

#### 5. RESTRUCTURING ACTIVITIES

#### Restructuring

On July 21, 2014, we announced strategic plans for long-term improvement and growth of the business. These plans comprise four key initiatives including: (1) streamlining the global product and marketing portfolio, (2) reducing direct investment in smaller geographic markets, (3) creating a more efficient organizational structure including reducing duplicative and excess overhead which will also enhance the decision making process, and (4) closing or converting approximately 75 to 100 retail locations around the world. The initial effects of these plans were incurred in 2014 and are expected to continue throughout 2015. We recorded restructuring charges of \$3.7 million during the three months ended March 31, 2015, and closed 9 retail locations which were identified in the initial restructuring plan. During 2015, we currently estimate additional restructuring costs related to store closures and changes in organizational structure of approximately \$10 million to \$20 million, but can make no assurance that actual costs will not differ, as our restructuring plans are not yet complete.

The following table summarizes our restructuring activity during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014:

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	2015		2014
	(\$ thou	isands)	
Severance costs	\$ 2,074	\$	1,584
Lease / contract exit and related costs	1,399		606
Other (1)	190		60
Total restructuring charges	\$ 3,663	\$	2,250

<sup>(1)</sup> The amounts in Other consist of various asset and inventory impairment charges prompted by the aforementioned restructuring plan, legal fees and facility maintenance fees.

The following table summarizes our restructuring activity during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 by reportable segment:

	Three Months Ended March 31,						
	20	2015			2014		
		(\$ thou	sands)				
Americas	\$	456	\$				
Asia Pacific		1,774					
Europe		1,141		675	5		
Corporate		292		1,575	5		
Total restructuring charges	\$	3,663	\$	2,250	)		

The following table summarizes our accrued restructuring balance and associated activity from December 31, 2014 through March 31, 2015 (\$ thousands):

	As of December 3		Ad	lditions	(	Cash Payments	Adjustments (1)		As of March 31, 2015
Severance	\$	3,154	\$	2,074	\$	(1,904)	\$	\$	3,324
Lease / contract exit and									
related costs		1,401		1,399		(1,590)			1,210
Other		304		190		(75)	(1	.)	418
Total accrued restructuring	\$	4,859	\$	3,663	\$	(3,569)	\$ (1	) \$	4,952

<sup>(1)</sup> Adjustments relate to a reversal of accrued expenses, differences resulting from the translation of the liability balance as of the balance sheet rate and restructuring expense translated at the weighted-average rate of exchange for the applicable period.

#### **Retail Store Closings**

As mentioned above, the Company plans to close additional retail locations around the globe. As such, we expect to incur certain exit costs specific to store closures including operating lease termination costs, rent obligations for leased facilities, net of expected sublease income, and other expenses in association with this plan, such as severance for retail and non-retail related positions. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we closed 9 company-operated retail locations which were identified in the initial restructuring plan, and were selected for closure by management based on historical and projected profitability levels, relocation plans, and other factors. As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we had a liability of approximately \$5.0 million and \$4.9 million, respectively, related to locations to be closed and other reductions in workforce in accrued restructuring on the condensed consolidated balance sheet. The calculation of accrued store closing reserves primarily includes future minimum lease payments from the date of closure to the end of the remaining lease term, net of contractual or estimated sublease income. We record the liability at fair value in the period in which the store is closed.

#### 6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, our assets subject to fair value measurements consisted solely of cash equivalents of \$13.0 million and \$23.3 million, respectively.

#### Non-Recurring Fair Value Measurements

The majority of our non-financial instruments, which include inventories, property and equipment and intangible assets, are not required to be carried at fair value on a recurring basis. However, if certain triggering events occur such that a non-financial instrument is required to be evaluated for impairment and the carrying value is not recoverable, the carrying value would be adjusted to the lower of its cost or fair value and an impairment charge would be recorded. No such charges were recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2015 or 2014.

#### 7. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

We transact business in various foreign countries and are therefore exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk inherent in revenues, costs, and monetary assets and liabilities denominated in non-functional currencies. We have entered into foreign currency exchange forward contract and currency swap derivative instruments to selectively protect against volatility in the value of non-functional currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities, and of future cash flows caused by changes in foreign currency exchange rates. We do not designate these derivative instruments as hedging instruments under the accounting standards for derivatives and hedging. Accordingly, these instruments are recorded at fair value as a derivative asset or liability on the balance sheet with their corresponding change in fair value recognized in Foreign currency transaction gain (loss), net in our condensed consolidated statements of operations. For purposes of the cash flow statement, we classify the cash flows at settlement from undesignated instruments in the same category as the cash flows from the related hedged items, generally within Cash provided by operating activities.

The following table summarizes the notional amounts of the outstanding foreign currency exchange contracts as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014. The notional amounts of the derivative financial instruments shown below are denominated in their U.S. Dollar equivalents and represent the amount of all contracts of the foreign currency specified. These notional values do not necessarily represent amounts exchanged by the parties and, therefore, are not a direct measure of our exposure to the foreign currency exchange risks.

	As of March 31, 2015		As of December 31, 2014		
	(\$ thousands)				
Foreign currency exchange forward contracts by currency:					
Japanese Yen	\$ 93,301	\$	44,533		
Singapore Dollar	59,843		61,887		
Euro	26,924		134,755		
South Korean Won	25,223		14,590		
British Pound Sterling	20,931		17,230		
Mexican Peso	12,923		13,180		
South African Rand	7,023		4,355		
Australian Dollar	5,747		7,913		
Indian Rupee	4,919		3,356		
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	4,352		5,376		
Canadian Dollar	3,474		3,005		
Russian Ruble	2,876		1,838		
New Taiwan Dollar	2,494		3,229		
Hong Kong Dollar	1,892		814		
Swedish Krona	1,572		1,918		
Brazilian Real	1,005				
New Zealand Dollar	709		743		
Norwegian Krone			917		
Total notional value, net	\$ 275,208	\$	319,639		
Latest maturity date	April 2015		January 2015		

The following table presents the amounts affecting the condensed consolidated statements of operations from derivative instruments for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended March 31,			larch 31,	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on
		2015	2014		Derivatives
		(\$ thou	isands)		
Derivatives not designated as					
hedging instruments:					
Foreign currency exchange					Foreign currency transaction (gains) losses, net
forwards	\$	5,723	\$	1,838	

The account Foreign currency transaction gain (loss), net on the condensed consolidated statements of operations includes both realized and unrealized gains/losses from underlying foreign currency activity and derivative contracts. These gains and losses are reported on a net basis. For the three months ended March 31, 2015, the net gain recognized of \$0.5 million recorded on the condensed consolidated statements of operations was comprised of a \$6.2 million net gain associated with exposure from day-to-day business transactions in various foreign currencies and a \$5.7 million net loss associated with our derivative instruments. For the three months ended March 31, 2014, the net loss recognized of \$2.8 million recorded on the condensed consolidated statements of operations was comprised of a \$1.8 million net loss associated with our derivative instruments and a \$1.0 million net loss associated with exposure from day-to-day business transactions in various foreign currencies.

#### 8. REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY & BANK BORROWINGS

#### Revolving Credit Facility

On September 25, 2009, we entered into a Revolving Credit and Security Agreement (the Credit Agreement) with the lenders named therein and PNC Bank, National Association (PNC), as a lender and administrative agent for the lenders.

On April 2, 2015, we entered into the Sixth Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the Sixth Amendment ), pursuant to which certain terms of the Credit Agreement were amended. The Sixth Amendment primarily amended certain definitions of the financial covenants to become more favorable to us including (i) setting the minimum fixed charge coverage ratio to 1.00 to 1.00 through December 31, 2015, 1.15 to 1.00 through March 31, 2016 and 1.25 to 1.00 for each quarter thereafter, (ii) setting the Leverage Ratio to 4.00 to 1.00 through March 31, 2016 and 3.75 to 1.00 for each quarter thereafter and (iii) reducing our global cash requirement from \$100 million to \$50 million.

The Credit Agreement enables us to borrow up to \$100.0 million, with the ability to increase commitments to \$125.0 million subject to certain conditions, and is currently set to mature in December 2017. The Credit Agreement is available for working capital, capital expenditures, permitted acquisitions, reimbursement of drawings under letters of credit, and permitted dividends, distributions, purchases, redemptions and retirements of equity interests. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement are secured by all of our assets including all receivables, equipment, general intangibles, inventory, investment property, subsidiary stock and intellectual property. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest at a variable rate. For domestic rate loans, the interest rate is equal to the highest of (i) the daily federal funds open rate as quoted by ICAP North America, Inc. plus 0.5%, (ii) PNC s prime rate and (iii) a daily LIBOR rate plus 1.0%, in each case there is an additional margin ranging from 0.25% to 1.00% based on certain conditions. For LIBOR rate loans, the interest rate is equal to a LIBOR rate plus a margin ranging

from 1.25% to 2.00% based on certain conditions. The Credit Agreement requires monthly interest payments with respect to domestic rate loans and at the end of each interest period with respect to LIBOR rate loans. The Credit Agreement further provides for a limit on the issuance of letters of credit to a maximum of \$20.0 million. The Credit Agreement contains provisions requiring us to maintain compliance with certain restrictive and financial covenants.

As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we had no outstanding borrowings under the Credit Agreement. As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we had issued and outstanding letters of credit of \$1.7 million and \$1.8 million, respectively, which were reserved against the borrowing base under the terms of the Credit Agreement. As of March 31, 2015, we were in compliance with all restrictive financial and other covenants under the Credit Agreement.

#### Long-term Bank Borrowings

On December 10, 2012, we entered into a Master Installment Payment Agreement (Master IPA) with PNC in which PNC finances our purchase of software and services, which may include but are not limited to third party costs to design, install and implement software systems, and associated hardware described in the schedules defined within the Master IPA. The Master IPA was entered into to finance our implementation of a new enterprise resource planning (ERP) system, which began in October 2012 and was substantially completed in early 2015. The terms of each note payable under the Master IPA consist of variable interest rates and payment terms based on amounts borrowed and timing of activity throughout the implementation of the ERP system.

As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we had \$10.3 million and \$11.6 million, respectively, of debt outstanding under five separate notes payable, of which \$5.3 million represents current installments for both periods. As of March 31, 2015, the notes bear interest rates ranging from 2.45% to 2.79% and maturities ranging from September 2016 to September 2017. As this debt arrangement relates solely to the construction and implementation of an ERP system for use by the entity, interest expense was capitalized to the condensed consolidated balance sheets until the assets were placed into service on January 1, 2015. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, no interest was capitalized. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we capitalized \$0.1 million in interest expense related to this debt arrangement to the condensed consolidated balance sheets. Interest rates and payment terms are subject to changes as further financing occurs under the Master IPA. As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the fair value of our debt instruments approximates their reported carrying amounts.

#### 9. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Stock-based compensation expense is based on the grant date fair value and is recognized on a straight-line basis over the applicable vesting period. During the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, we recorded \$2.9 million and \$4.7 million, respectively, of pre-tax stock-based compensation expense. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, \$0.1 million related solely to the construction and implementation of our ERP system for use by the entity, was capitalized to the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

#### Stock Option Activity

A summary of our stock option activity as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2015 is presented below:

	Stock Options	Weighted-Average Exercise Price
Outstanding as of December 31, 2014	1,696,130	13.52
Granted		
Exercised	(57,211)	3.05
Forfeited or expired	(45,691)	26.83
Outstanding as of March 31, 2015	1,593,228	13.51

As of March 31, 2015, there was \$1.1 million of unrecognized compensation cost related stock options. The cost is expected to be amortized over a weighted average period of 2.35 years.

## Restricted Stock Awards and Units Activity

	Restricted Stock Awards ( RSAs )	Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value	Restricted Stock Units ( RSUs )	Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value
Unvested as of December 31, 2014	7,488	\$ 15.61	1,997,471	\$ 15.78
Granted			2,317,434	10.99
Vested	(4,994)	15.90	(390,241)	16.56
Forfeited or expired			(601,059)	15.84
Unvested as of March 31, 2015	2,494	15.04	3,323,605	10.83

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The total grant date fair value of RSAs vested during the three months ended March 31, 2015 was \$0.1 million. As of March 31, 2015, we had \$29.2 thousand of total unrecognized share-based compensation expense related to non-vested restricted stock awards, net of expected forfeitures, all of which was related to time-based awards. The unvested RSAs are expected to be amortized over the remaining weighted-average period of 0.19 years.

The total grant date fair value of RSUs vested during the three months ended March 31, 2015 was \$6.5 million. As of March 31, 2015, we had \$20.3 million of total unrecognized share-based compensation expense related to unvested restricted stock units, net of expected forfeitures, of which \$11.5 million is related to time-based awards and \$8.8 million is related to performance-based awards. The unvested RSUs are expected to be amortized over the remaining weighted-average period of 2.42 years, which consists of a remaining weighted-average period of 2.47 years related to performance-based awards and a remaining weighted-average period of 2.20 years related to time-based awards.

#### Appointment of CEO

On December 12, 2014, Gregg Ribatt was appointed as our Chief Executive Officer, effective January 28, 2015. In connection with his appointment as Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Ribatt was granted a sign-on time-vesting RSU award representing the right to receive shares of our common stock equal to \$2.0 million, based on a 30-day weighted-average stock price as of December 15, 2014. This time-vesting RSU award will vest in three annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of his start date, subject to his continued employment with us as of each vesting date. In addition, Mr. Ribatt was granted a sign-on performance-vesting RSU award, subject to various vesting criteria, representing the right to receive shares of our common stock equal to \$6.0 million, based on a 30-day weighted-average stock price as of December 15, 2014. Based on a Monte-Carlo valuation model, the fair value of the RSU was determined to be \$2.4 million, or 46.0% of the grant price, which will be expensed on a straight-line basis over a derived service period of 2.5 years, beginning in 2015.

#### 10. INCOME TAXES

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we recognized an income tax expense of \$0.3 million on pre-tax loss of \$2.1 million, representing an effective income tax rate of 13.9% compared to an income tax expense of \$5.4 million on pre-tax income of \$14.5 million, representing an effective tax rate of 37.0% for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

The decrease in effective tax rate, compared to the same period in 2014, is primarily due to the result of profits shifting from higher tax jurisdictions to lower tax jurisdictions and losses recorded in tax jurisdictions for which tax benefits are being recognized. Our effective tax rates for all periods presented also differ from the federal U.S. statutory rate due to differences between income tax rates between U.S. and foreign jurisdictions and due to tax amounts recognized discretely in the quarter. We had unrecognized tax benefits of \$7.7 million as of March 31, 2015 and \$8.4 million as of December 31, 2014.

## 11. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table illustrates the basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share (  $\,$  EPS  $\,$  ) computations for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

	Three Months Ended March 31,				
		2015		2014	
Numerator:					
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$	(5,979)	\$	6,373	
Less: adjustment for income allocated to participating securities				(868)	
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders - basic and diluted	\$	(5,979)	\$	5,505	
Denominator:					
Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic		77,825		88,239	
Plus: dilutive effect of stock options and unvested restricted stock units				1,300	
Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted		77,825		89,539	
Net income (loss) attributable per common share:					
Basic	\$	(0.08)	\$	0.06	
Diluted	\$	(0.08)	\$	0.06	

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For the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, approximately 2.3 million and 1.5 million options and RSUs, respectively, were not included in the calculation of diluted EPS as their effect would have been anti-dilutive. In addition to the antidilutive effects of options and RSUs, we did not assume the conversion of the Series A preferred stock into common shares for purposes of calculating diluted EPS as the effects would have been anti-dilutive. If converted, as of March 31, 2015, the Series A preferred stock would represent approximately 15.2% of our common stock outstanding or 13.8 million additional common shares. See Note 12 for further details regarding the preferred share offering.

#### Stock Repurchase Plan Authorizations

We continue to evaluate options to maximize the returns on our cash and maintain an appropriate capital structure, including, among other alternatives, repurchases of our common stock. On December 26, 2013, our board of directors (the Board) approved the repurchase of up to \$350.0 million of our common stock. The number, price, structure and timing of the repurchases will be at our sole discretion and future repurchases will be evaluated by us depending on market conditions, liquidity needs and other factors. Share repurchases may be made in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. The repurchase authorization does not have an expiration date and does not oblige us to acquire any particular amount of our common stock. Our Board may suspend, modify or terminate the repurchase program at any time without prior notice.

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we repurchased approximately 1.7 million shares at a weighted-average price of \$11.60 per share for an aggregate price of approximately \$20.0 million excluding related commission charges under our publicly-announced repurchase plan. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we repurchased approximately 0.9 million shares at a weighted-average price of \$14.94 for an aggregate price of approximately \$13.0 million excluding related commission charges, under our publicly-announced repurchase plan.

As of March 31, 2015, subject to certain restrictions on repurchases under our revolving credit facility, we had \$182.1 million of our common shares available for repurchase under previously announced repurchase authorizations.

#### 12. SERIES A PREFERRED STOCK

On January 27, 2014, we issued 200,000 shares of our Series A preferred stock to Blackstone Capital Partners VI L.P. (Blackstone) and certain of its permitted transferees, for an aggregate purchase price of \$198.0 million, or \$990 per share, pursuant to an Investment Agreement between us and Blackstone, dated December 28, 2013. In connection with the issuance of the Series A preferred stock, we received proceeds of \$182.2 million after deducting the issuance discount of \$2.0 million and direct and incremental expenses of \$15.8 million including financial advisory fees, closing costs, legal expenses and other offering-related expenses. As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we had accrued dividends of \$2.8 million and \$3.1 million, respectively, on the condensed consolidated balance sheets, which were paid in cash to holders of the Series A preferred stock on April 1, 2015 and January 2, 2015, respectively.

## 13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

We rent space for our retail stores, offices, warehouses, vehicles, and equipment under operating leases expiring at various dates through 2033. Certain leases contain rent escalation clauses (step rents) that require additional rental amounts in the later years of the term. Rent expense for leases with step rents or rent holidays is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term beginning on the lease inception date. Deferred rent is included in the condensed consolidated balance sheets in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities.

The following table summarizes the composition of rent expense under operating leases for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended March 31,					
	2015		2014			
	(in thou	isands)				
Minimum rentals (1)	\$ 24,812	\$	29,242			
Contingent rentals	2,077		2,423			
Less: Sublease rentals	(59)		(180)			
Total rent expense	\$ 26,830	\$	31,485			

<sup>(1)</sup> Minimum rentals include all lease payments as well as fixed and variable common area maintenance (CAM), parking and storage fees, which were approximately \$2.3 million and \$2.4 million during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

#### **Purchase Commitments**

As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we had firm purchase commitments with certain third-party manufacturers of \$146.9 million and \$202.3 million, respectively.

#### Government Tax Audits

We are regularly subject to, and are currently undergoing, audits by tax authorities in the United States and several foreign jurisdictions for prior tax years.

In April 2013, Brazil s State of Sao Paulo, Brazil government (Brazil) assessed sales taxes, interest and penalties for the period April 2009 to May 2011. We had previously tendered these taxes using Brazil obligations purchased at a discount from third parties. On May 22, 2013, we applied for amnesty in order to receive a significant reduction in penalties and interest, agreed to amend our 2009 through 2012 tax returns to remove the Brazil obligations, and agreed to settle the assessment in cash to Brazil. In June 2013, we made a cash payment to Brazil, in full satisfaction of the Brazil assessment and amended tax returns.

While Brazil is currently making court-ordered payments to holders of the Brazil obligations, along with accrued interest, during the year ended December 31, 2014, we reserved the entire carrying balance of the Brazil obligation as we determined the ultimate collection of amounts due is not assured.

See Note 15 Legal Proceedings for further details regarding potential loss contingencies related to government tax audits and other current legal proceedings.

#### 14. OPERATING SEGMENTS AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

During 2014, we had four reportable operating segments based on the geographic nature of our operations: Americas, Asia Pacific, Japan and Europe. We also had an Other businesses category which aggregates insignificant operating segments that do not meet the reportable segment threshold including our manufacturing operations located in Mexico, Italy and Asia. The composition of our reportable operating segments is consistent with that used by our chief operating decision maker, ( CODM ) to evaluate performance and allocate resources.

Subsequent to December 31, 2014, our internal reports reviewed by the CODM began consolidating Japan into the Asia Pacific segment. This change was to align our internal reporting to our new strategic model and management structure, as Japan and Asia Pacific are now managed and analyzed as one operating segment by management and the CODM. Accordingly, we now have three reportable segments for 2015 as well as our Other Businesses category.

Each of our reportable operating segments derives its revenues from the sale of footwear, apparel and accessories to external customers as well as intersegment sales. Revenues of the Other businesses category are primarily made up of intersegment sales. The remaining revenues for the Other businesses represent non-footwear product sales to external customers. Intersegment sales are not included in the measurement of segment operating income or regularly reviewed by the CODM and are eliminated when deriving total consolidated revenues.

Segment performance is evaluated based on segment results without allocating corporate expenses, or indirect general, administrative and other expenses. Segment profits or losses include adjustments to eliminate intersegment sales. As such, reconciling items for segment operating income represent unallocated corporate and other expenses as well as intersegment eliminations. Our CODM evaluates the performance of our segments based on gross margin and direct operating profit excluding unallocated amounts. Our CODM is not regularly provided information on segment assets, nor is such information considered when evaluating the performance of our segments. Additionally, there was no material change in the amounts or methodology of assets allocated to segments, other than the inclusion of assets allocated to the Japan segment now included in the Asia segment.

The following tables set forth information related to our reportable operating business segments as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014:

		Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 2014			
n.		(\$ thousan	nds)		
Revenues:	Ф	105.760	Ф	117.100	
Americas	\$	105,769	\$	117,120	
Asia Pacific		99,775		130,915	
Europe		56,424		64,136	
Total segment revenues		261,968		312,171	
Other businesses	_	225	_	258	
Total consolidated revenues	\$	262,193	\$	312,429	
Operating income:					
Americas	\$	15,378	\$	13,437	
Asia Pacific		17,335	т	34,145	
Europe		8,238		7,539	
Total segment operating income		40,951		55,121	
Reconciliation of total segment operating income (loss) to income (loss) before		,		,	
income taxes:					
Other businesses		(5,403)		(3,756)	
Intersegment eliminations				15	
Unallocated corporate and other (1)		(37,910)		(34,558)	
Total consolidated operating income (loss)		(2,362)		16,822	
Foreign currency transaction gain (loss), net		494		(2,768)	
Interest income		288		477	
Interest expense		(219)		(191)	
Other income (expense), net		(331)		141	
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	(2,130)	\$	14,481	
Depreciation and amortization expense:					
Americas	\$	1,974	\$	2,448	
Asia Pacific		1,213		1,740	
Europe		803		902	
Total segment depreciation and amortization expense		3,990		5,090	
Other businesses		1,987		1,599	
Unallocated corporate and other (1)		3,742		2,684	
Total consolidated depreciation and amortization expense	\$	9,719	\$	9,373	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes a corporate component consisting primarily of corporate support and administrative functions, costs associated with share-based compensation, research and development, brand marketing, legal, restructuring, depreciation and amortization of corporate and

other assets not allocated to operating segments and costs of the same nature related to certain corporate holding companies. See Note 5 Restructuring for additional details.

#### 15. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are currently subject to an audit by U.S. Customs & Border Protection ( CBP ) in respect of the period from 2006 to 2010. In October 2013, CBP issued the final audit report. In that report CBP projects that unpaid duties totaling approximately \$12.4 million are due for the period under review and recommended collection of the duties due. We responded that these projections are erroneous and provided arguments that demonstrate the amount due in connection with this matter is considerably less than the projection. Additionally, on December 12, 2014, we made an offer to settle CBP s potential claims and tendered \$3.5 million. At this time, it is not possible to determine how long it will take CBP to evaluate our offer or to predict whether our offer will be accepted. Likewise, if a settlement cannot be reached, it is not possible to predict with any certainty whether CBP will seek to assert a claim for penalties in addition to any unpaid duties, but such an assertion is a possibility.

Mexico s Federal Tax Authority (SAT) has audited our records regarding imports and exports during the period from January 2006 to July 2011. There were two phases to the audit, the first for capital equipment and finished goods and the second for raw materials. The first phase was completed and no major discrepancies were noted by the SAT. On January 9, 2013, Crocs received a notice for the second phase in which the SAT issued a tax assessment (taxes and penalties) of roughly 280.0 million pesos (approximately \$22.0 million) based on the value of all of Crocs imported raw materials during the audit period. We believe that the proposed penalty amount is unfounded and without merit. With the help of local counsel we filed an appeal by the deadline of March 15, 2013. We have argued that the amount due in connection with the matter, if any, is substantially less than that proposed by the SAT. In connection with the appeal, the SAT required us to post an appeal surety bond in the amount of roughly 321.0 million pesos (approximately \$26.0 million), which amount reflects estimated additional penalties and interest if we are not successful on our appeal. This amount will be adjusted on an annual basis. On November 27, 2014, the Superior Chamber of the Federal Tax Court ruled in favor of Crocs and annualled the tax assessment and the corresponding penalty. The SAT filed its appeal of the decision in Crocs favor on February 25, 2015. The parties are currently awaiting a ruling on the appeal. It is not possible at this time to predict the outcome of this matter or reasonably estimate any potential loss.

Crocs is currently subject to an audit by the Brazilian Federal Tax Authorities related to imports of footwear from China between 2010-2014. On January 13, 2015 Crocs was notified about the issuance of assessments totaling roughly \$5.25 million for the period January 2010 through May 2011. Crocs has disputed these assessments and asserted defenses to the claims. On February 25, 2015, Crocs received additional assessments totaling roughly \$11.54 million related to the remainder of the audit period. Crocs has also disputed these assessments and asserted defenses to these claims. It is not possible at this time to predict the outcome of this matter, therefore, we have no accrual for this matter as of March 31, 2015.

On August 8, 2014, a purported class action lawsuit was filed in California state court against our subsidiary, Crocs Retail, LLC, Zaydenberg v. Crocs Retail, LLC, Case No. BC554214. The lawsuit alleges various employment law violations related to overtime, meal and break periods, minimum wage, timely payment of wages, wage statements, payroll records and business expenses. We filed an answer on February 6, 2015, denying the allegations and asserting several defenses. The parties are exchanging documents and information relevant to the issue of class certification and plan to participate in mediation in June 2015. It is not possible at this time to predict the outcome of this matter or reasonably estimate any potential loss.

As of March 31, 2015, we have accrued a total of \$4.2 million relating to these litigation matters and other disputes. We estimate that the ultimate resolution of these litigation matters and other disputes could result in a loss that is reasonably possible between \$0.0 million and \$9.8 million in the aggregate, in excess of the amount accrued.

Although we are subject to other litigation from time to time in the ordinary course of business, including employment, intellectual property and product liability claims, we are not party to any other pending legal proceedings that we believe would reasonably have a material adverse impact on our business, financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### ITEM 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

#### **Business Overview**

We are a designer, developer, manufacturer, worldwide marketer and distributor of casual lifestyle footwear, apparel and accessories for men, women and children. We strive to be the global leader in the sale of molded footwear featuring fun, comfort, color and functionality. Our products include footwear and accessories that utilize our proprietary closed cell-resin, called Croslite, as well as casual lifestyle footwear that use a range of materials. Our Croslite material enables us to produce innovative, lightweight, non-marking, and odor-resistant footwear. We currently sell our products in more than 90 countries through domestic and international retailers and distributors and directly to end-user consumers through our company-operated retail stores, outlets, webstores and kiosks.

Since the initial introduction of our popular Beach and Crocs Classic designs, we have expanded our Croslite products to include a variety of new styles and products and have further extended our product reach through the acquisition of brand platforms. Going forward, we are focusing on our core molded footwear heritage, as well as developing innovative new casual lifestyle footwear. By streamlining the product portfolio, reducing non-core product development and exploring strategic alternatives for non-core products and brands, we believe that we can realize our strategy of generating a more powerful consumer connection to our brand and products.

The broad appeal of our footwear has allowed us to market our products to a wide range of distribution channels, including family footwear stores, department stores, sporting goods and traditional footwear retailers as well as a variety of specialty and independent retail channels and via the internet. We intend to drive cohesive global brand positioning from region-to-region and year-to-year to create a more clear and consistent product portfolio and message. This strategy will be accomplished through developing powerful product stories supported with effective and consistent global marketing campaigns. Finally, we intend to increase our working market spend, which we define as funds that put marketing messages in front of consumers.

As a global company, we have significant revenues and costs denominated in currencies other than the U.S. Dollar. Sales in international markets in foreign currencies are expected to continue to represent a substantial portion of our revenues. Likewise, we expect that our subsidiaries with functional currencies other than the U.S. Dollar will continue to represent a substantial portion of our overall gross margin and related expenses. Accordingly, changes in foreign currency exchange rates could materially affect revenues and costs or the comparability of revenues and costs from period to period as a result of the impact of foreign currency translation adjustments.

#### **Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

In addition to financial measures presented on the basis of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), we present current period adjusted selling, general and administrative expenses, which is a non-GAAP financial measure, within this Management s Discussion and Analysis. Adjusted results exclude the impact of items that management believes affect the comparability or underlying business trends in our consolidated financial statements in the periods presented.

We also present certain information related to our current period results of operations in this Item 2 through—constant currency—, which is a non-GAAP financial measure and which should be viewed as a supplement to our results of operations and presentation of reportable segments under GAAP. Constant currency represents current period results that have been restated using prior year average foreign exchange rates for the comparative period to enhance the visibility of the underlying business trends excluding the impact of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

Management uses adjusted results to assist in comparing business trends from period to period on a consistent non-GAAP basis in communications with the board of directors (the Board), stockholders, analysts and investors concerning our financial performance. We believe that these non-GAAP measures are used by, and are useful to, investors and other users of our financial statements as an additional tool to evaluate our performance. We believe they also provide a useful baseline for analyzing trends in our operations. We do not suggest that investors should consider these non-GAAP measures in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Please refer to our Results of Operations within this section for a reconciliation of adjusted selling, general and administrative expenses to GAAP selling, general and administrative expenses.

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#### **Recent Events**

Gregg Ribatt was appointed as our Chief Executive Officer, effective January 28, 2015. In connection with his appointment as Chief Executive Officer, he will also serve as our principal executive officer, succeeding our acting principal executive officer, Andrew Rees. Mr. Rees will continue in his role as President of Crocs.

#### **Financial Highlights**

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, revenue declined 16.1% compared to the same period in 2014. The decrease in revenue is due to the net impact of (i) \$24.4 million, or 7.8%, decrease associated with foreign currency exchange rate adjustments associated with a strong U.S. Dollar, (ii) a \$22.1 million, or 7.1% decrease associated with a decrease in the average selling price due to changes in product mix and (iii) a \$3.7 million, or 1.2% decrease associated with a declining sales volume. Thus, on a constant currency basis, revenue decreased by \$25.9 million, or 8.3%.

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, we had an operating loss of \$2.4 million compared to operating income of \$16.8 million for the same period in 2014. The decrease in operating income is primarily attributable to the above noted decrease in revenue which was partially offset by (i) a \$21.4 million, or 13.7%, decrease in cost of sales (consisting of a \$12.2 million decrease due to foreign currency adjustments, a \$7.3 million decrease associated with volume changes) and (ii) a \$11.1 million, or 8.1%, decrease in selling, general and administrative ( SG&A ) expenses (consisting of a \$5.7 million decrease related to declining administrative costs and a \$5.4 million decrease related to foreign currency translation adjustments). SG&A expenses increased 418 basis points, or 9.5% as a percentage of revenue period over period. Gross margin as a percentage of revenue decreased 143 basis point, or 2.9%, period over period.

The following are additional significant developments in our businesses during the three months ended March 31, 2015:

- During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we sold 14.8 million pairs of shoes worldwide, which was a decrease of 1.2% compared to the same period in the prior year. For the three months ended March 31, 2015, delivery of product was negatively impacted by the partial shutdown of the shipping ports in California due to strikes, which we believe negatively impacted our revenue by approximately 3%.
- Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased \$11.1 million, or 8.1%, to \$126.1 million compared to the same period in 2014.
- We incurred \$3.7 million in restructuring charges as a result of our strategic plans for long-term improvement and growth of the business. These charges primarily related to severance costs and lease termination and exit related costs.

- Gross profit decreased \$28.9 million, or 18.5%, to \$127.4 million and gross margin percentage decreased 143 basis points to 48.6% compared to 50.0% for the same period in 2014. The decline in gross margin percentage is primarily driven by (i) a \$24.4 million, or 7.8%, decrease in revenue due to foreign currency translation adjustments, (ii) a \$21.4 million, or 13.7% decrease in cost of sales, (iii) a \$22.1 million, or 7.1% decrease in revenue due to declining prices.
- We repurchased approximately 1.7 million shares at an average price of \$11.60 per share for a total value of \$20.0 million, excluding related commission charges.

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#### **Future Outlook**

During 2014, we announced strategic plans for long-term improvement and growth of the business. These plans comprised four key initiatives including: (1) streamlining the global product and marketing portfolio, (2) reducing direct investment in smaller geographic markets, (3) creating a more efficient organizational structure by reducing duplicative and excess overhead to reduce costs and enhance the decision making process, and (4) closing or converting approximately 75 to 100 Crocs branded retail stores around the world. As of March 31, 2015, we have closed 29 stores which were identified in the initial restructuring plan and we will continue to execute our strategy during 2015.

Based on these changes, Crocs is better positioned to adapt to changing customer demands and global economic developments. We are focusing on our core molded footwear heritage, as well as developing innovative new casual lifestyle footwear platforms. By streamlining the product portfolio, reducing non-core product development and exploring strategic alternatives for the non-core products and brands, we will create a more powerful consumer connection to the brand.

We are increasing our working market spend, which we define as funds that put marketing messages in front of consumers. During March 2015, we launched our global ad campaign, #FindYourFun, our largest marketing investment in our 12-year history and our first global marketing campaign. Slated to run throughout 2015, ads encourage consumers to #FindYourFun, with imagery featuring Crocs iconic clog. It will be seen by consumers in the U.S., U.K., Germany, Japan, China and South Korea. The whimsical imagery incorporates the Crocs clog into some of the world s most notable landmarks and destinations, including Las Vegas, Times Square and Piccadilly Circus in London, as well as locations in Shanghai and Seoul.

We are refining our business model around the world, prioritizing direct investment in larger-scale geographies to focus our resources on the biggest opportunities, moving away from direct investment in the retail and wholesale businesses in smaller markets and transferring significant commercial responsibilities to distributors and third-party agents. These re-alignments are already underway in Brazil, Taiwan and other markets around the globe. Further, we intend to expand our engagement with leading wholesale accounts in select markets to drive sales growth, optimize product placement and enhance brand reputation.

We have reorganized key business functions to improve efficiency and have eliminated over 200 global positions, the majority of which occurred on July 21, 2014, resulting in reduced structural complexity, size and cost. In addition, we opened our Global Commercial Center in the Boston area in late 2014, which is housing key merchandising, marketing and retail executives. The Boston location was selected in order to attract experienced senior footwear and business development management talent. The Global Commercial Center in Boston will join the Product Creation and Global Shared Services Center in Niwot, Colorado, the cornerstone of support for Crocs global business. We intend to strengthen our Regional Commercial Centers in the Netherlands, Singapore and Japan with responsibility for managing Crocs global business.

## **Results of Operations**

## Comparison of the Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 to 2014

(\$ thousands, except per share data and	Three Months Ended March 31,				Change	
average footwear selling price)	2015		2014		\$	%
Revenues	\$ 262,193	\$	312,429	\$	(50,236)	(16.1)%
Cost of sales	134,823		156,202		(21,379)	(13.7)
Gross profit	127,370		156,227		(28,857)	(18.5)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	126,069		137,155		(11,086)	(8.1)
Restructuring charges	3,663		2,250		1,413	62.8
Income (loss) from operations	(2,362)		16,822		(19,184)	(114.0)
Foreign currency transaction income (loss), net	494		(2,768)		3,262	(117.8)
Interest income	288		477		(189)	(39.6)
Interest expense	(219)		(191)		(28)	14.7
Other income (expense), net	(331)		141			