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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (727) 397-9611

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| <u>Title of Each Class</u> | <u>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</u> |
|--|--|
| Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share | Listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market |

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: N/A

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes _____ No X

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes _____ No X

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 _____

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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes X No _____

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. _____

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller Reporting Company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

Yes No

At June 30, 2014, the aggregate market value of the registrant’s common shares held by non-affiliates, computed by reference to the last sales price (\$8.11) as reported by the NASDAQ Stock Market, was approximately \$72 million (based on the assumption, solely for purposes of this computation, that all directors and officers of the registrant were affiliates of the registrant).

The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of February 23, 2015 was 13,593,969 shares.

Documents Incorporated by Reference:

Portions of the registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement to be filed with the Commission not later than 120 days after the conclusion of the registrant’s fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, relating to its Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held May 1, 2015, are incorporated by reference to furnish the information required by Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Part III.

The exhibit index may be found on Page 50.

PART I

References Used

References in this Form 10-K to “the Company,” “Superior,” “we,” “our,” or “us” mean Superior Uniform Group, Inc. together with its subsidiaries, except where the context otherwise requires. Unless otherwise indicated, all share and per share information in this Form 10-K has been adjusted for all periods presented to give retroactive effect to the 2-for-1 stock split effective on February 4, 2015.

Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain matters discussed in this Form 10-K are “forward-looking statements” intended to qualify for the safe harbors from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements can generally be identified by use of the words “may,” “will,” “should,” “could,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “believe,” “intend,” “project,” “potential” or “plan” or the negative of these words or other variations on these words or comparable terminology. Similarly, statements that describe our future plans, objectives, strategies, goals, and projections regarding industry and general economic trends, our expected financial position, results of operations, or market position are also forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that may materially adversely affect the anticipated results. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following: general economic conditions in the areas of the United States in which the Company’s customers are located; changes in the healthcare, industrial, commercial, leisure and public safety industries where uniforms and service apparel are worn; the impact of competition; our ability to successfully integrate operations following consummation of acquisitions; the availability and cost of manufacturing materials, attracting and retaining senior management and key personnel, and those risks discussed under Item 1A of this report entitled “Risk Factors.” Shareholders, potential investors and other readers are urged to consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements made herein and are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements made herein are only made as of the date of this Form 10-K and we disclaim any obligation to publicly update such forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

Item 1. Business

Superior Uniform Group, Inc. was organized in 1920 and was incorporated in 1922 as a New York company under the name Superior Surgical Mfg. Co., Inc. In 1998, the Company changed its name to Superior Uniform Group, Inc. (“Superior”) and its state of incorporation to Florida. Superior is comprised of two reportable business segments: (1) Uniforms and Related Products, and (2) Remote Staffing Solutions.

On July 1, 2013, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of HPI Direct, Inc. (“HPI”). Since 1993, HPI has built a stellar reputation for quality and responsiveness as a privately owned company specializing in the design, manufacture and distribution of uniforms to major domestic retailers, foodservice chains, transportation and other service industries throughout the United States. HPI’s award-winning image apparel is worn by some of the most prestigious brands in the markets that they serve. The purchase price for the asset acquisition consisted of approximately \$32.5 million in cash, subject to adjustment and inclusive of the real estate purchase described below, the issuance of approximately 418,000 restricted shares of Superior’s common stock, the potential future payment of up to \$7.2 million in additional contingent consideration through 2017, and the assumption of certain liabilities of HPI. The transaction also included the acquisition of the corporate offices and warehouse distribution facility from an entity related to HPI.

Superior’s Uniforms and Related Products segment, through its signature marketing brands—Fashion Seal Healthcare® HPI Direct®, Superior I.D.™, WorkOnUniVogue® and BlueFusion®,—manufactures and sells a wide range of uniforms, career apparel and accessories for the hospital and healthcare fields; hotels; fast food and other restaurants; and transportation, and private security, industrial and commercial markets. In excess of 95% of Superior’s Uniforms and Related Products segment’s net sales are from the sale of uniforms and service apparel and directly-related products.

Superior services its Remote Staffing Solutions segment through multiple The Office Gurus entities, including its direct and indirect subsidiaries in El Salvador, Belize, and the United States, (collectively, “TOG”). TOG is a near-shore premium provider of cost effective multilingual telemarketing and total office support solutions.

Products

Superior manufactures and sells a wide range of uniforms, corporate identity apparel, career apparel and accessories for the medical and health fields as well as for the industrial, commercial, leisure, and public safety markets in its Uniforms and Related Products segment. Its principal products are:

Uniforms and service apparel and related products for personnel of:

- Hospitals and health facilities;
- Hotels, commercial buildings, residential buildings, and food service facilities;
- Retail stores;
- General and special purpose industrial uses;
- Commercial enterprises (career apparel for banks, airlines, etc.);
- Public and private safety and security organizations; and
- Miscellaneous service uses.

Miscellaneous products:

directly related to uniforms and service apparel specified above (e.g. boots and sheets); and for use by linen suppliers and industrial launderers, to whom a substantial portion of Superior's uniforms and service apparel are sold; such products being primarily industrial laundry bags.

Uniforms and service apparel and related products account for in excess of 95% of net sales; no other single class of product listed above accounts for more than 10% of net sales.

Services

Through the recruitment and employment of highly qualified English-speaking agents, we provide our customers with extended office support from a versatile call and contact center environment in our Remote Staffing Solutions segment.

Competition

Superior competes in its Uniforms and Related Products segment with more than three dozen firms, including divisions of larger corporations. Superior competes with national and regional manufacturers, such as Cintas Corporation, Unifirst Corporation, G&K Services and ARAMARK—a division of privately held ARAMARK Corporation. Superior also competes with local firms in most major metropolitan areas. The nature and degree of competition varies with the customer and the market. Industry statistics are not available, but we believe Superior is one of the leading suppliers of garments to hospitals, industrial clean rooms, hotels, motels, and food service establishments, and uniforms to linen suppliers. Superior experiences competition primarily in the areas of product development, styling and pricing. We believe that the strength of our brands and marketing, coupled with the quality of our products, allow us to compete effectively.

The market in which TOG operates is competitive and highly fragmented. TOG's competitors in the Remote Staffing Solutions segment range in size from very small firms offering specialized applications or short-term projects to very large independent firms, and include the in-house operations of many customers and potential customers. We compete directly and indirectly with various companies that provide contact center and other business process outsourcing solutions on an outsourced basis. These companies include, but are not limited to, U.S.-based providers, such as APAC Customer Services, Convergys, Sitel, Startek, Sykes, TechTeam Global, TeleTech and West. TOG also competes with local entities in other offshore geographies, such as TIVIT and the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company; small niche providers, such as Alpine Access, Arise, VIPDesk, and Working Solutions; and large global companies that offer outsourced services within their portfolios, such as IBM, HP, CapGemini, Accenture and Fujitsu. The list of potential competitors includes both publicly traded and privately held companies.

Customers

Superior has a substantial number of customers, the largest of which accounted for approximately 5.7% of its 2014 net sales.

Backlog

Although Superior at all times has a substantial backlog of orders, we do not consider this significant since our backlog of orders at any time consists primarily of recurring firm orders being processed and filled.

Superior normally completes shipments of orders from stock within one week after the receipt of the order. As of February 23, 2015, the backlog of all orders that we believe to be firm was approximately \$7.2 million, compared to approximately \$6.9 million as of February 22, 2014.

Inventory

The principal fabrics used in our business are made from cotton, polyester, wool, silk, synthetic and cotton-synthetic blends. The majority of our fabrics are sourced in the Far East.

Superior markets itself to its customers as a "stock house." Therefore, Superior at all times carries substantial inventories of raw materials (principally piece goods) and finished garments, which requires substantial working

capital. Superior's principal raw materials are textile products. In 2014 and 2013, approximately 22% and 33%, respectively, of our products were obtained from suppliers located in Central America. Superior does not believe that it is dependent upon any of its suppliers, despite the concentration of its purchasing from a few sources, as other suppliers of the same or similar products are readily available. However, if Superior is unable to continue to obtain its products from Central America, it could significantly disrupt Superior's business. Because the Company manufactures and sources products in Central America, the Company is affected by economic conditions in those countries, including increased duties, possible employee turnover, labor unrest and lack of developed infrastructure.

Intellectual Property

Superior owns and uses several trademarks and service marks relating to its brands that have significant value and are instrumental to its ability to market its products. Superior's most significant trademark is its mark "Fashion Seal Healthcare " (presently registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office until August 6, 2017). The Fashion Seal Healthcare trademark is critically important to the marketing and operation of Superior's business, as more than 25% of Superior's products are sold under that name.

Environmental Matters

In view of the nature of our business, compliance with federal, state, and local laws regulating the discharge of materials into the environment, or otherwise relating to the protection of the environment, has had no material effect upon our operations or earnings, and we do not expect it to have a material impact in the future.

Employees

Superior employed 1,055 persons, of which 1,043 were full-time employees, as of December 31, 2014.

Securities Exchange Act Reports

The Company maintains an internet website at the following address: www.superioruniformgroup.com. The information on the Company's website is not incorporated by reference in this annual report on Form 10-K.

We make available on or through our website certain reports and amendments to those reports that we file with or furnish to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). These include our annual reports on Form 10-K, our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, our current reports on Form 8-K, and Section 16 filings by our officers, directors and 10% shareholders. We make this information available on our website free of charge as soon as reasonably practicable after we or they electronically file the information with, or furnish it to, the SEC.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Our business, operations and financial condition are subject to various risks, and many of those risks are driven by factors that we cannot control or predict. The following discussion addresses those risks that management believes are the most significant, and you should take these risks into account in evaluating us or any investment decision involving us. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known or that we currently believe to be less significant may also adversely affect us.

Risks Relating To Our Industry

We face intense competition within our industry and our revenue may decrease if we are not able to respond to this competition effectively.

Customers in the uniform and corporate identity apparel industry choose suppliers primarily based upon the quality, price and breadth of products offered. We encounter competition from a number of companies in the geographic areas we serve. Major competitors for our Uniforms and Related Products segment include publicly held companies such as Cintas Corporation, Unifirst Corporation and G&K Services, as well as ARAMARK — a division of privately-held ARAMARK Corporation. We also compete with a multitude of regional and local competitors that vary by market. If our existing or future competitors seek to gain or retain market share by reducing prices, we may be required to lower our prices, which would adversely affect our operating results. In addition, our competitors generally compete with us for acquisition candidates, which can increase the price for acquisitions and reduce the number of acquisition candidates available to us.

Regional or national economic slowdowns, high unemployment levels, or cost increases might have an adverse effect on our operating results.

Our primary products are provided to workers employed by our customers and, as a result, our business prospects are dependent upon levels of employment and overall economic conditions, among other factors. Our revenues are impacted by our customers' opening and closing of locations and reductions and increases in headcount. Additionally, between 2009 and 2013, voluntary employee turnover declined significantly because fewer alternative jobs were available to employees of our customers. As a result, uniform orders on a per-employee basis decreased among many of our customers.

If we are unable to offset these effects through the addition of new customers (through acquisition or otherwise), the penetration of existing customers with a broader mix of product and service offerings, or decreased production costs, our revenue growth rates will be negatively impacted. Events or conditions in a particular geographic area, such as adverse weather and other factors, could also hurt our operating results. While we do not believe that our exposure is greater than that of our competitors, we could be adversely affected by increases in the prices of fabric, natural gas, gasoline, wages, employee benefits, insurance costs and other components of product cost unless we can recover such increases through increases in the prices for our products and services. Competitive and general economic conditions might limit our ability and that of our competitors to increase prices to cover such increases in our product cost.

Volatility in the global financial markets could adversely affect results.

In the past, global financial markets have experienced extreme disruption, including, among other things, volatility in security prices, diminished liquidity and credit availability, rating downgrades of certain investments and declining valuations of others. There can be no assurance that there will not be further change, which could lead to challenges in our business and negatively impact our financial results. The tightening of credit in financial markets adversely affects the ability of our customers and suppliers to obtain financing for significant purchases and operations and could result in a decrease in orders and spending for our products and services. We are unable to predict the likely duration and severity of any disruption in financial markets and adverse economic conditions and the effects they may have on our business and financial condition.

The uniform and corporate identity apparel industry is subject to pricing pressures that may cause us to lower the prices we charge for our products and adversely affect our financial performance.

Many of our competitors source their product requirements from developing countries to achieve a lower cost operating environment, possibly with lower costs than our offshore facilities, and those manufacturers may use these cost savings to reduce prices. To remain competitive, we must adjust our prices from time to time in response to these industry-wide pricing pressures. Moreover, increased customer demands for allowances, incentives and other forms of economic support could reduce our gross margins and affect our profitability. Our financial performance may be negatively affected by these pricing pressures if we are forced to reduce our prices and we cannot reduce our product costs or if our product costs increase and we cannot increase our prices proportionately.

Increases in the price of finished goods and raw materials used to manufacture our products could materially increase our costs and decrease our profitability.

The principal fabrics used in our business are made from cotton, wool, silk, synthetic and cotton-synthetic blends. The prices we pay for these fabrics and our finished goods are dependent on the market price for the raw materials used to produce them, primarily cotton and chemical components of synthetic fabrics. These finished goods and raw materials are subject to price volatility caused by weather, supply conditions, government regulations, economic climate, currency exchange rates, labor costs, and other unpredictable factors. Fluctuations in petroleum prices also may influence the prices of related items such as chemicals, dyestuffs and polyester yarn.

For example, during the latter part of 2010, cotton prices began increasing dramatically and reached historically high levels during 2011 due to weather-related and other supply disruptions, which when combined with robust global demand, particularly in Asia, created concerns about availability and increased costs for our products. While we were able to pass on a portion of these price increases to our customers during most of 2011, we saw a negative impact on our gross margins from the fourth quarter of 2011 through 2012.

Any increase in raw material prices increases our cost of sales and can decrease our profitability unless we are able to pass higher prices on to our customers. In addition, if one or more of our competitors is able to reduce their production costs by taking advantage of any reductions in raw material prices or favorable sourcing agreements, we may face pricing pressures from those competitors and may be forced to reduce our prices or face a decline in net sales, either of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Changing international trade regulation on imports of textiles and apparel may increase competition in our industry. Future quotas, duties or tariffs may increase our costs or limit the amount of products that we can import.

Our operations are subject to various international trade agreements and regulations, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement, as supplemented (NAFTA), Dominican Republic–Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR), Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement Act, as amended (HOPE), and African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and the activities and regulations of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Generally, these trade agreements benefit our business by reducing or eliminating the duties and/or quotas assessed on products manufactured in a particular country. However, trade agreements can also impose requirements that negatively affect our business, such as limiting the countries from which we can purchase raw materials and setting quotas on products that may be imported into the United States from a particular country. In addition, increased competition from developing countries could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

The countries in which our products are manufactured or into which they are imported may from time to time impose new quotas, duties, tariffs and requirements as to where raw materials must be purchased, additional workplace regulations, or other restrictions on our imports or adversely modify existing restrictions. Adverse changes in these costs and restrictions could harm our business. We cannot assure you that future trade agreements will not provide our competitors an advantage over us, or increase our costs, either of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

The corporate identity apparel and uniform industry is subject to changing fashion trends and if we misjudge consumer preferences, the image of one or more of our brands may suffer and the demand for our products may decrease.

The apparel industry, including uniforms and corporate identity apparel, is subject to shifting customer demands and evolving fashion trends and our success is also dependent upon our ability to anticipate and promptly respond to these changes. Failure to anticipate, identify or promptly react to changing trends or styles may result in decreased demand for our products, as well as excess inventories and markdowns, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition. In addition, if we misjudge consumer preferences, our brand image may be impaired. We believe our products are, however, in general, less subject to fashion trends compared to many other apparel manufacturers because we manufacture and sell uniforms, corporate identity apparel and other accessories.

Risks Relating To Our Business

Our success depends upon the continued protection of our trademarks and other intellectual property rights and we may be forced to incur substantial costs to maintain, defend, protect and enforce our intellectual property rights.

Our owned intellectual property and certain of our licensed intellectual property have significant value and are instrumental to our ability to market our products. While we own and use several trademarks, our “Fashion Seal Healthcare” mark is critically important to our business, as more than 25% of our products are sold under that name. We cannot assure you that our owned or licensed intellectual property or the operation of our business does not infringe on or otherwise violate the intellectual property rights of others. We cannot assure you that third parties will not assert claims against us on any such bases or that we will be able to successfully resolve such claims. In addition, although we seek international protection of our intellectual property, the laws of some foreign countries may not allow us to protect, defend or enforce our intellectual property rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States. We could also incur substantial costs to defend legal actions relating to use of our intellectual property or prosecute legal actions against others using our intellectual property, either of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition. There also can be no assurance that we will be able to negotiate and conclude extensions of license agreements on similar economic terms or at all.

Our customers may cancel or decrease the quantity of their orders, which could negatively impact our operating results.

Although we have long-standing customer relationships, we do not have long-term contracts with many of our customers. Sales to many of our customers are on an order-by-order basis. If we cannot fill customers’ orders on time, orders may be cancelled and relationships with customers may suffer, which could have an adverse effect on us, especially if the relationship is with a major customer. Furthermore, if any of our customers experience a significant downturn in their business, or fail to remain committed to our programs or brands, the customer may reduce or discontinue purchases from us. The reduction in the amount of our products purchased by customers could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

In addition, some of our customers have experienced significant changes and difficulties, including consolidation of ownership, increased centralization of buying decisions, restructurings, bankruptcies and liquidations. A significant adverse change in a customer relationship or in a customer’s financial position could cause us to limit or discontinue business with that customer, require us to assume more credit risk relating to that customer’s receivables or limit our ability to collect amounts related to previous purchases by that customer, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

We have significant pension obligations with respect to our employees and our available cash flow may be adversely affected in the event that payments become due under any pension plans that are unfunded or underfunded.

A portion of our active and retired employees participate in defined benefit pension plans under which we are obligated to provide prescribed levels of benefits regardless of the value of the underlying assets, if any, of the applicable pension plan. If our obligations under a plan are unfunded or underfunded, we will have to use cash flow from operations and other sources to pay our obligations either as they become due or over some shorter funding period. As of December 31, 2014, we had approximately \$8.1 million in unfunded or underfunded obligations related to our pension plans, compared to \$3.6 million as of December 31, 2013.

We may undertake acquisitions to expand our business, which may pose risks to our business.

We selectively pursue acquisitions from time to time as part of our growth strategy. We compete with others within our industry for suitable acquisition candidates. This competition may increase the price for acquisitions and reduce the number of acquisition candidates available to us. As a result, acquisition candidates may not be available to us in the future on favorable terms. Even if we are able to acquire businesses on favorable terms, managing growth through acquisition is a difficult process that includes integration and training of personnel, combining plant and operating procedures, and additional matters related to the integration of acquired businesses within our existing organization. Unanticipated issues related to integration may result in additional expense or in disruption to our operations, either of which could negatively impact our ability to achieve anticipated benefits. While we believe we will be able to fully integrate acquired businesses, we can give no assurance that we will be successful in this regard.

We are subject to international, federal, state and local laws and regulations and failure to comply with them may expose us to potential liability.

We are subject to international, federal, state and local laws and regulations affecting our business, including those promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Consumer Product Safety Act, the Flammable Fabrics Act, the Textile Fiber Product Identification Act, the rules and regulations of the Consumer Products Safety Commission and various labor, workplace and related laws, as well as environmental laws and regulations. Failure to comply with such laws may expose us to potential liability and have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

Shortages of supply of sourced goods from suppliers or interruptions in our manufacturing could adversely affect our results of operations.

We utilize multiple supply sources and manufacturing facilities. However, an unexpected interruption in any of the sources or facilities could temporarily adversely affect our results of operations until alternate sources or facilities can be secured. In 2014 and 2013 approximately 22% and 33%, respectively, of our products were obtained from suppliers located in Central America. If we are unable to continue to obtain our products from Central America, it could significantly disrupt our business. Because we source products in Central America, we are affected by economic conditions in Central America, including increased duties, possible employee turnover, labor unrest and lack of developed infrastructure.

Our business may be impacted by adverse weather.

Our corporate headquarters are located in Florida, which is a hurricane-sensitive area. Should a hurricane occur, the possibly resulting infrastructure damage and disruption to the area could negatively affect Superior, such as by damage to, or total destruction of, our headquarters and surrounding transportation infrastructure caused by a hurricane. In addition, similar disruptions to the business of our customers located in areas affected by hurricanes may adversely impact sales of our products.

Our Remote Staffing Solutions business may not develop in ways that we currently anticipate due to negative public reaction to outsourcing and proposed legislation.

We have based our growth strategy on certain assumptions regarding our industry, services and future demand in the market for our services. However, the trend to outsource business processes may not continue and could reverse. Outsourcing is a politically sensitive topic in the United States and elsewhere due to a perceived association between

outsourcing providers and the loss of jobs in the United States. A variety of U.S. federal and state legislation has been proposed that, if enacted, could restrict or discourage U.S. companies from outsourcing services outside the United States. For example, public figures have supported legislation that they contend will generate new jobs in the United States, including limiting income tax benefits for companies that offshore American jobs. Because all of our current customers are U.S. companies, any expansion of existing laws or the enactment of new legislation restricting offshore outsourcing could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. It is possible that legislation could be adopted that would restrict U.S. private sector companies that have federal or state government contracts from outsourcing their services to off-shore service providers. This would also negatively affect our ability to attract or retain customers that have these contracts.

Inability to attract and retain key management or other personnel could adversely impact our business.

Our success is dependent on the skills, experience, and efforts of our senior management and other key personnel. If, for any reason, one or more senior executive or key personnel was not to remain active in our company, or if we are unable to attract and retain senior management or key personnel, our results of operations could be adversely affected.

Certain of our existing shareholders have significant control.

At December 31, 2014, our executive officers and certain of their family members collectively beneficially owned 33.5% of our outstanding common stock. As a result, our executive officers and certain of their family members have significant influence over the election of our Board of Directors, the approval or disapproval of any other matters requiring shareholder approval, and the affairs and policies of our company.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 2. Properties

The Company has an ongoing program designed to maintain and improve its facilities. Generally, all properties are in satisfactory condition. The Company's properties are currently fully utilized and have aggregate productive capacity to meet the Company's present needs as well as those of the foreseeable future. The material manufacturing and distribution locales are rented for nominal amounts due to cities providing incentives for businesses to locate in their area - all such properties may be purchased for nominal amounts. As a result, it is believed that the subject lease expirations and renewal terms thereof are not material. Set forth below are the locations of our facilities:

Seminole, Florida – Plant of approximately 60,000 square feet owned by the Company; used as principal administrative office and for warehousing and shipping, as well as the corporate design center.

Eudora, Arkansas – Plant of approximately 217,000 square feet, partially leased from the City of Eudora requiring payment of only a nominal rental fee; used for manufacturing, warehousing, and shipping; lease expiring December 1, 2216.

Alpharetta, Georgia – Plant of approximately 75,000 square feet owned by the Company; used for manufacturing, warehousing and office space.

Alpharetta, Georgia – Facility used for warehousing, leased by the Company, approximately 31,000 square feet; lease expiring on 12/31/2016.

San Salvador, El Salvador – Office space of approximately 23,200 square feet; owned by The Office Gurus, LTDA De C.V., a subsidiary of SUG Holding, and Fashion Seal Corporation, wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company; used as office space for our Remote Staffing Solutions business.

Belize – Office space of approximately 9,300 square feet, owned by The Office Gurus, Ltd.; used as office space for our Remote Staffing Solutions business

Costa Rica – Office space of approximately 495 square feet; leased by Power Three Web, LTDA., a wholly-owned subsidiary of SUG Holding, Inc.; lease expiring in January 2016.

Miscellaneous – Lexington, Mississippi: facility used for warehousing and shipping, approximately 40,000 square feet – owned by the Company; Dallas, Texas: leased sales office of approximately 2,055 square feet – lease expiring in 2017.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

We are a party to certain lawsuits in the ordinary course of business. We do not believe that these proceedings, individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

PART II

Item 5. Market For Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The principal market on which Superior's common shares are traded is the NASDAQ Stock Market under the symbol "SGC".

The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices and cash dividends declared on our common stock by quarter for 2014 and 2013 as reported in the consolidated transaction reporting system of the NASDAQ Stock Market. The prices and dividends shown have been retroactively adjusted for the 2-for-1 stock split effective February 4, 2015.

| | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | | | |
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| | 2014 | | | | 2013 | | | |
| | Mar. 31 | June 30 | Sept. 30 | Dec. 31 | Mar. 31 | June 30 | Sept. 30 | Dec. 31 |
| Common Shares: | | | | | | | | |
| High | \$8.44 | \$9.49 | \$11.47 | \$14.99 | \$6.00 | \$6.00 | \$6.46 | \$8.49 |
| Low | \$6.75 | \$7.40 | \$7.56 | \$9.50 | \$5.46 | \$5.32 | \$5.04 | \$6.36 |
| Dividends (total for 2014- - \$0.285; 2013-\$0.068) | \$0.068 | \$0.068 | \$0.075 | \$0.075 | - | - | - | \$0.068 |

We declared cash dividends of \$0.068 per share in the first and second quarters and \$0.075 per share in the third and fourth quarters during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

On December 31, 2012, the Company paid a special dividend of \$0.27 per share representing a prepayment — and payment in lieu of — the Company's regular quarterly dividend for 2013 in order to take advantage of a tax efficient method to return capital to our shareholders prior to anticipated increases in tax rates associated with dividends. During 2013, the Company restarted its regular quarterly dividend of \$0.068 per share one quarter early and paid this dividend during the fourth quarter of 2013. We intend to pay regular quarterly distributions to our holders of common shares, the amount of which may change from time to time. Future distributions will be declared and paid at the discretion of our Board of Directors, and will depend upon cash generated by operating activities, our financial condition, capital requirements, and such other factors as our Board of Directors deem relevant.

Under our credit agreement with Fifth Third Bank, if an event of default exists, we may not make distributions to our shareholders. The Company is in full compliance with all terms, conditions and covenants of its credit agreement.

On December 29, 2014, the Board of Directors declared a 2-for-1 stock split of the Company's common stock. The record date for the split was January 12, 2015, and the stock split became effective on February 4, 2015.

On February 23, 2015, we had 152 shareholders of record and the closing price for our common shares on the NASDAQ Stock Market was \$18.44 per share.

Information regarding the Company's equity compensation plans is incorporated by reference to the information set forth in Item 12 of Part III of this report under the section entitled "Equity Compensation Plan Information."

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The table below sets forth information with respect to purchases made by or on behalf of Superior Uniform Group, Inc. or any “affiliated purchaser” (as defined in Rule 10b-18(a)(3) under the Exchange Act) of our common shares during the three months ended December 31, 2014.

| Period | (a) Total Number of Shares Purchased | (b) Average Price Paid per Share | (c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | (d) Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (1) |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Month #1 (October 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014) | - | - | - | |
| Month #2 (November 1, 2014 to November 30, 2014) | - | - | - | |
| Month #3 (December 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014) | - | - | - | |
| TOTAL | - | - | - | 261,675 |

(1) On August 1, 2008, the Company’s Board of Directors approved an increase to the outstanding authorization to allow for the repurchase of 1,000,000 additional shares of the Company’s outstanding shares of common stock. There is no expiration date or other restriction governing the period over which we can make our share repurchases under the program. All such purchases (of which there were none during the three months ended December 31, 2014) were open market transactions.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The following selected data is derived from our consolidated financial statements. This data should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto incorporated into Item 8, and with Item 7 - Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Superior Uniform Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries**Consolidated Statements of Comparative Income****Years Ended December 31,**

| | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Net sales | \$ 196,249,000 | \$ 151,496,000 | \$ 119,486,000 | \$ 112,373,000 | \$ 105,878,000 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | | |
| Cost of goods sold | 127,512,000 | 98,938,000 | 79,723,000 | 72,114,000 | 68,411,000 |
| Selling and administrative expenses | 50,724,000 | 43,873,000 | 33,886,000 | 34,646,000 | 31,697,000 |
| Intangible asset impairment | - | - | 1,226,000 | - | - |
| Interest expense | 484,000 | 195,000 | 30,000 | 27,000 | 23,000 |
| | 178,720,000 | 143,006,000 | 114,865,000 | 106,787,000 | 100,131,000 |
| Income before taxes on income | 17,529,000 | 8,490,000 | 4,621,000 | 5,586,000 | 5,747,000 |
| Taxes on income | 6,180,000 | 2,640,000 | 1,590,000 | 1,450,000 | 1,940,000 |
| Net income | \$ 11,349,000 | \$ 5,850,000 | \$ 3,031,000 | \$ 4,136,000 | \$ 3,807,000 |
| Per Share Data: | | | | | |
| Basic | | | | | |
| Net income | \$0.85 | \$0.47 | \$0.25 | \$0.35 | \$0.32 |
| Diluted | | | | | |
| Net income | \$0.82 | \$0.46 | \$0.25 | \$0.34 | \$0.32 |
| Cash dividends per common share | \$0.285 | \$0.068 | \$0.54 | \$0.27 | \$0.27 |
| At year end: | | | | | |
| Total assets | \$ 139,937,000 | \$ 125,494,000 | \$ 78,913,000 | \$ 80,947,000 | \$ 74,194,000 |
| Long-term debt | \$ 22,660,000 | \$ 24,500,000 | \$ - | \$ 640,000 | \$ - |
| Working capital | \$ 77,191,000 | \$ 69,801,000 | \$ 55,393,000 | \$ 55,784,000 | \$ 53,148,000 |
| Shareholders' equity | \$ 80,412,000 | \$ 71,935,000 | \$ 57,788,000 | \$ 61,046,000 | \$ 61,100,000 |

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, which present our results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, as well as our financial positions at December 31, 2014 and 2013, contained elsewhere in this Form 10-K. Some of the information contained in this discussion and analysis or set forth elsewhere in this Form 10-K, including information with respect to our plans and strategy for our business, includes forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. You should review the "Special Note Regarding Forward Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors" sections of this Form 10-K for a discussion of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results described in or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in the following discussion and analysis.

Business Outlook

Uniforms and Related Products

Historically, we have manufactured and sold a wide range of uniforms, career apparel and accessories, which comprises our Uniforms and Related Products segment. Our primary products are provided to workers employed by our customers and, as a result, our business prospects are dependent upon levels of employment and overall economic conditions, among other factors. Our revenues are impacted by our customers' opening and closing of locations and reductions and increases in headcount. Additionally, between 2009 and 2013 voluntary employee turnover had declined significantly because fewer alternative jobs were available to employees of our customers. While the current economic environment in the United States remains somewhat sluggish, we are seeing an improvement in the employment environment and as such, voluntary employee turnover is beginning to increase. Capital is increasingly being freed up to fund business startups and expansions in the economy. We are also seeing an increase in the demand for employees in the healthcare sector as a result of the Affordable Care Act. All of these factors are expected to have positive impacts on our prospects for growth in net sales in 2015.

We are also beginning to gain traction in our penetration of the direct health care market. We have been awarded our first group purchasing organization contract beginning February 1, 2015 that will increase the number of healthcare facilities that we are able to pursue for direct sales by at least 3,000. We expect to be awarded additional agreements for other group purchasing organizations in the near term.

During the latter part of 2010, cotton prices began increasing dramatically and reached historical highs during 2011 due to weather-related and other supply disruptions, which when combined with robust global demand, particularly in Asia, created concerns about availability in addition to increased costs for our products. While we were able to pass on a portion of these price increases to our customers during most of 2011, we began to see a negative impact on our

gross margins in the fourth quarter of 2011. This trend continued for us through the end of the third quarter of 2012 at which point we began to realize cost reductions as cotton prices began to stabilize. Our fourth quarter 2012 margins began to show improvement in comparison to the first three quarters of 2012 and this trend continued to improve significantly during 2013. This situation appears to have stabilized and our margins have returned to historically normal levels.

We have been and continue to actively pursue acquisitions to increase our market share in the Uniforms and Related Products segment. As discussed in Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company completed the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of HPI Direct, Inc. on July 1, 2013.

Remote Staffing Solutions

We are pursuing a diversified business model to include growth of our Remote Staffing Solutions segment, operating in El Salvador, Belize, and the United States. This business segment was initially started to provide remote staffing services for the Company at a lower cost structure in order to improve our own operating results. It has in fact enabled us to reduce our operating expenses in our Uniforms and Related Products segment and to more effectively service our customers' needs in that segment. We added our Belize location at the end of 2012 as a replacement for our Costa Rican location that was closed in 2012. The Belize operation offers a more competitive cost structure for the Company as compared to Costa Rica. We began selling remote staffing services to other companies at the end of 2009. We have grown this business from approximately \$1 million in net sales to outside customers in 2010 to approximately \$8 million in net sales to outside customers in 2014. We have spent significant effort over the last several years improving the depth of our management infrastructure in this segment to support significant growth in this segment in 2015 and beyond. We increased net sales to outside customers in this segment by approximately 42% in 2014 as compared to 2013 and by approximately 63% in 2013 as compared to 2012. We are investing in a new call center building in El Salvador expected to be completed near the end of 2015 that will essentially double our existing capacity there. We spent approximately \$2 million on the El Salvador project in 2014 and expect to spend in excess of an additional \$5 million to complete the project. We are also investing in smaller renovations that will add additional capacity in our Belize and United States locations as well. We continue to receive a favorable response from the market for our services and we believe this sector will continue to grow significantly in 2015 and beyond.

Operations

Net Sales

| | 2014 | 2013 | % | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---|
| | | | Change | |
| Uniforms and Related Products | \$ 188,199,000 | \$ 145,846,000 | 29.0 | % |
| Remote Staffing Solutions | 11,424,000 | 9,285,000 | 23.0 | % |
| Net intersegment eliminations | (3,374,000) | (3,635,000) | -7.2 | % |
| Consolidated Net Sales | \$ 196,249,000 | \$ 151,496,000 | 29.5 | % |

Net Sales

Net sales for the Company increased 29.5% from \$151,496,000 in 2013 to \$196,249,000 in 2014. The 29.5% aggregate increase in net sales is split between growth in our Uniforms and Related Products segment (contributing 27.9%) and increases in net sales after intersegment eliminations from our Remote Staffing Solutions segment (contributing 1.6%). Intersegment eliminations reduce total net sales for sales of remote staffing solutions to the Uniforms and Related Products segment by the Remote Staffing Solutions segment. See Note 18 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information and a reconciliation of segment net sales to total net sales.

Uniforms and Related Products net sales increased 29.0% in 2014. The largest reason for the increase in net sales was the inclusion of HPI's operating results in the Company's results of operations for the full year ended December 31, 2014, whereas the Company's results of operations for the comparable 2013 period included HPI's operating results for only six months. In the first six months of 2014, HPI contributed net sales of \$28,269,000 including approximately \$5,000,000 for a new uniform program for one of its existing customers. The balance of the increase in net sales for the year ended December 31, 2014 compared to 2013, is attributed to continued market penetration and the rollout of a special promotional uniform program for one of our existing customers of approximately \$2,500,000 in the second quarter of 2014.

Remote Staffing Solutions net sales increased 23.0% before intersegment eliminations and 42.5% after intersegment eliminations in 2014. These increases are attributed to continued market penetration in 2014, both with respect to new and existing customers.

Cost of Goods Sold

Cost of goods sold consists primarily of direct costs of acquiring inventory, including cost of merchandise, inbound freight charges, purchasing costs, and inspection costs for our Uniforms and Related Products segment. Cost of goods sold for our Remote Staffing Solutions segment includes salaries and payroll related benefits for agents. The Company includes shipping and handling fees billed to customers in net sales. Shipping and handling costs associated with out-bound freight are generally recorded in cost of goods sold. Other shipping and handling costs are included in selling and administrative expenses.

As a percentage of net sales, cost of goods sold for our Uniforms and Related Products Segment was 65.7% in 2014 and 66.2% in 2013. The percentage decrease in 2014 as compared to 2013 is primarily attributed to a reduction in overhead costs as a percentage of net sales as a result of higher volume in 2014 (contributing 0.3%) as well as a decrease in direct product costs as a percentage of net sales during 2014 (contributing 0.1%).

As a percentage of net sales, cost of goods sold for our Remote Staffing Solutions Segment was 43.2% in 2014, and 38.4% in 2013. The percentage increase in 2014 as compared to 2013 is primarily attributed to taking on new startup accounts in the 2014 period.

Selling and Administrative Expenses

As a percentage of net sales, selling and administrative expenses for our Uniforms and Related Products Segment approximated 26.0% in 2014 and 29.4% in 2013. Exclusive of HPI net sales and selling and administrative expenses, selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales would have been 27.0% for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 29.7% for the year ended December 31, 2013. The decrease as a percentage of net sales, exclusive of HPI, is attributed primarily to the impact in 2014 of higher net sales to cover operating expenses (contributing 1.2%), lower pension and retirement plan expense primarily as a result of the freeze of our main defined benefit pension plan effective June 30, 2013 (contributing 0.5%), lower professional and other fees related to the HPI acquisition in 2013 (contributing 0.8%) and other minor net decreases (contributing 0.5%), partially offset by higher share based compensation expense (contributing 0.5%). HPI selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of HPI net sales was 23.8% for the year ended December 31, 2014 compared to 27.2% for the six months ended December 31, 2013, which is the only period included in the Company's operating results for the year ended December 31, 2013 that includes HPI's operations. The significant decrease in HPI's selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales is attributed to the significant increase in HPI's net sales.

As a percentage of net sales, selling and administrative expenses for our Remote Staffing Solutions Segment approximated 35.3% in 2014 and 37.0% in 2013. The decrease as a percentage of sales is attributed primarily to a decrease in salaries, wages and benefits as a percentage of net sales (contributing 0.6%) as the growth in net sales outpaced the increase in staffing expense required to support significant growth of this segment, and other miscellaneous decreases including higher net sales to cover fixed operating expenses (contributing 1.1%).

Interest Expense and Tax

Interest expense increased to \$484,000 for the year ended December 31, 2014 from \$195,000 for the year ended December 31, 2013. This increase is attributed to higher average borrowings outstanding in the current period. The acquisition debt related to the HPI acquisition was only outstanding for the last six months of the year ended December 31, 2013.

The effective income tax rate in 2014 was 35.3% and in 2013 was 31.1%. The 4.2% increase in the effective tax rate is attributed primarily to the following: a decrease in the benefit for income from foreign operations (contributing 3.2%), an increase in the net accrual for uncertain tax positions (contributing 2.0%), an increase in the Federal rate for taxable earnings in excess of \$10,000,000 (contributing 0.5%), partially offset by a decrease in non-deductible share based compensation as a percentage of taxable earnings (contributing 0.7%), and a net decrease in other items as a result of the significant increase in income in the current period (contributing 0.8%). During the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company did not recognize deferred income taxes on foreign income of \$1,841,000 and \$1,688,000, respectively, due to the fact that these amounts are considered to be reinvested indefinitely in foreign subsidiaries. Based upon our current expectations, we do not expect to recognize deferred income taxes on our 2015

foreign income as this income is expected to be reinvested indefinitely in foreign subsidiaries.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Overview

The Company uses a number of standards for its own purposes in measuring its liquidity, such as: working capital, profitability ratios, long-term debt as a percentage of long-term debt and equity, and activity ratios. The Company's balance sheet is very strong at this point and provides the ability to pursue acquisitions, to invest in new product lines and technologies, and to invest in additional working capital as necessary. As of December 31, 2014, approximately \$4,147,000 of our cash is held in our foreign subsidiaries and cannot be repatriated without recognizing and paying Federal income taxes on this amount.

The Company's primary source of liquidity has been its net income. In addition, effective July 1, 2013, the Company entered into a five year \$30,000,000 term loan to finance the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of HPI Direct, Inc. The Company also has \$25 million in revolving credit facilities available for use in the event it is needed, under which \$660,000 is outstanding at December 31, 2014.

Accounts receivable – trade increased 23.0% from \$22,735,000 as of December 31, 2013 to \$27,956,000 as of December 31, 2014. The increase is attributed to the significant increase in net sales in 2014.

Prepaid expenses and other current assets decreased 25.2% from \$6,012,000 on December 31, 2013 to \$4,497,000 as of December 31, 2014. The decrease is primarily attributed to a reduction in deposits with vendors for upcoming purchases of finished goods.

Inventories increased 17.8% from \$49,486,000 on December 31, 2013 to \$58,282,000 as of December 31, 2014. This increase is due to higher inventory levels required to meet higher net sales volumes.

Other intangible assets decreased from \$18,353,000 on December 31, 2013 to \$16,288,000 as of December 31, 2014. This decrease is attributed to scheduled amortization of existing intangible assets.

Accounts payable increased 16.1% from \$8,363,000 on December 31, 2013 to \$9,706,000 on December 31, 2014. This increase is primarily due to the timing of inventory purchases and higher inventory levels required to meet higher net sales volumes.

Other current liabilities increased 15.8% from \$7,768,000 on December 31, 2013 to \$8,995,000 on December 31, 2014. This increase is primarily due to an increase in income taxes payable of \$675,000, and an increase in accrued rebates payable to customers of \$447,000.

Long-term pension liability increased 123.5% from \$3,617,000 on December 31, 2013 to \$8,084,000 on December 31, 2014. This increase is primarily attributed to a reduction in the discount rates on the Company's plans from a range of 4.66% to 4.82% at December 31, 2013 to a range of 3.74% to 3.86% at December 31, 2014.

As part of its acquisition of HPI in 2013, the Company recorded a liability for an acquisition related contingent liability. This amount will be earned by the former owners of HPI based upon the performance of HPI following the acquisition for each of the years from 2014 through 2017. The total amount of this liability expected to be paid is \$7,200,000. This liability was discounted on our consolidated balance sheets to recognize the time value of the liability. The liability on our consolidated balance sheets will be increased each year to reflect the interest component of this liability. The increase is being recorded through other expense in selling and administrative expense in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

At December 31, 2014, the working capital of the Company was approximately \$77,191,000 and the working capital ratio was 4.5 to 1. At December 31, 2013, the working capital of the Company was approximately \$69,801,000 and the working capital ratio was 4.9:1. Superior at all times carries substantial inventories of raw materials (principally piece goods) and finished garments, which requires substantial working capital. The Company believes that income generated from operations and outside sources of credit, both trade and institutional, are adequate to fund the Company's operations for the next 12 months and beyond.

Cash Flows

In 2014, cash and cash equivalents decreased by approximately \$730,000. Cash provided by operating activities was \$6,838,000, cash used in investing activities was \$4,808,000 with the balance primarily related to fixed asset additions of \$4,936,000, and \$2,760,000 was used in financing activities. Financing activities included the payment of cash dividends of \$3,663,000 and net repayments of borrowings of \$1,215,000; partially offset by proceeds received from exercise of stock options of \$1,855,000.

Capital Expenditures

The Company has an on-going capital expenditure program designed to maintain and improve its facilities. Capital expenditures, excluding the 2013 HPI acquisition, were approximately \$4,936,000 and \$1,631,000 in 2014 and 2013, respectively. We are investing in a new call center building in El Salvador expected to be completed near the end of 2015 that will essentially double our existing capacity there. We spent approximately \$2 million on the El Salvador project in 2014 and expect to spend in excess of an additional \$5 million to complete the project.

Dividends and Share Repurchase Program

During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company paid cash dividends of approximately \$3,663,000 and \$874,000, respectively. On December 31, 2012, the Company paid a special dividend of \$0.27 per share representing a prepayment — and payment in lieu of — the Company's regular quarterly dividend for 2013 in order to take advantage of a tax efficient method to return capital to our shareholders prior to anticipated increases in tax rates associated with dividends. During 2013, the Company restarted its regular quarterly dividend of \$0.068 per share one quarter early and paid this dividend during the fourth quarter of 2013. During 2014, the Company increased its regular quarterly dividend to \$.075 per quarter beginning with the third quarter dividend. Total dividends paid in 2014 were \$0.285 per share.

On August 1, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors approved an increase to the outstanding authorization under its common stock repurchase program to allow for the repurchase of 1,000,000 additional shares of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock. Under this program, the Company reacquired and retired -0- shares and 13,211 shares of its common stock in the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, with approximate costs of -0- and \$162,000, respectively. At December 31, 2014, the Company had 261,675 shares remaining for purchase under its common stock repurchase program. Shares purchased under the common stock repurchase program are constructively retired and returned to unissued status. We consider several factors in determining when to make share repurchases, including among other things, our cost of equity, our after-tax cost of borrowing, our debt to total capitalization targets and our expected future cash needs. There is no expiration date or other restriction governing the period over which we can make our share repurchases under the program. The Company anticipates that it will continue to pay dividends and that it will repurchase additional shares of its common stock in the future as financial conditions permit.

Credit Agreement

Effective July 1, 2013, the Company entered into an amended and restated 5-year credit agreement with Fifth Third Bank that made available to the Company up to \$15,000,000 on a revolving credit basis (the “Initial Credit Facility”) in addition to a \$30,000,000 term loan utilized to finance the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of HPI Direct, Inc. as discussed in Note 15. Interest is payable on the term loan at LIBOR plus 0.95% (1.1% at December 31, 2014) and on the revolving credit agreement at LIBOR (rounded up to the next 1/8th of 1%) plus 0.95% (1.2% at December 31, 2014). Both loans are based upon the one-month LIBOR rate for U.S. dollar based borrowings. The Company pays an annual commitment fee of 0.10% on the average unused portion of the commitment under the Initial Credit Facility. The available balance under the Initial Credit Facility is reduced by outstanding letters of credit. As of December 31, 2014, there were no outstanding balances under letters of credit.

Effective October 22, 2013, the credit agreement was amended to, among other things, increase the amount of permitted investments in subsidiaries that are not parties to the credit agreement and related agreements, from \$1 million to \$5 million.

On May 1, 2014, the credit agreement was further amended to provide for an additional \$10 million revolving credit facility with Fifth Third Bank (the “Add on Credit Facility”), pursuant to the Second Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Other Loan Documents, dated May 1, 2014. We refer to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Other Loan Documents, as so amended, as the “Credit Agreement.” The Add on Credit Facility expires on July 1, 2016. Interest is payable on the Add on Credit Facility at LIBOR (rounded up to the next 1/8th of 1%) plus 0.95% based upon the one-month LIBOR rate for U.S. dollar based borrowings (1.2% at December 31, 2014). The Company pays an annual commitment fee of 0.50% on the average unused portion of the commitment under the Add on Credit Facility.

The remaining scheduled amortization for the term loan is as follows: 2015 \$2,375,000; 2016 \$3,000,000; 2017 \$3,000,000; 2018 \$16,000,000. The term loan does not include a prepayment penalty. In connection with the Credit Agreement, the Company incurred approximately \$68,000 of debt financing costs, which primarily consisted of legal fees. These costs are being amortized over the life of the agreement and are recorded as additional interest expense.

Our obligations under the Credit Agreement are secured by substantially all of the operating assets of Superior Uniform Group, Inc. and is guaranteed by all domestic subsidiaries of Superior Uniform Group, Inc. The agreement contains restrictive provisions concerning a maximum funded senior indebtedness to EBITDA ratio as defined in the agreement (3.5:1), a maximum funded indebtedness to EBITDA ratio as defined in the agreement (4.0:1) and fixed charge coverage ratio as defined in the agreement (1.25:1). The Company is in full compliance with all terms, conditions and covenants of the Credit Agreement.

Interest Rate Swap Agreement

In order to reduce interest rate risk on the term loan, the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement with Fifth Third Bank, N.A. in July 2013 that was designed to effectively convert or hedge the variable interest rate on a portion of our term loan under the Credit Agreement to achieve a net fixed rate of 2.53% per annum, beginning July 1, 2014 with an original notional amount of \$14,250,000 that is adjusted to match the outstanding principal on the related debt. The notional amount of the interest rate swap is reduced by the scheduled amortization of the principal balance of the term loan of \$187,500 per month through July 1, 2015 and \$250,000 per month through June 1, 2018. The remaining notional balance of \$3,250,000 will be eliminated at the maturity of the term loan on July 1, 2018.

Under the terms of the interest rate swap, the Company will receive variable interest rate payments and make fixed interest rate payments on an amount equal to the notional amount at that time. Changes in the fair value of the interest rate swap designated as the hedging instrument that effectively offset the variability of cash flows associated with the variable-rate, long-term debt obligation are reported in other comprehensive income ("OCI"), net of related income tax effects. At December 31, 2014, the interest rate swap had a negative fair value of \$172,000, which is presented in other current liabilities within our consolidated balance sheet. The changes in the balance are shown as reductions in OCI in 2014 and 2013 of \$47,000 and \$125,000, respectively, net of tax benefits of \$21,000 and \$40,000, respectively. The Company does not currently expect any of these losses to be reclassified into earnings over the subsequent twelve-month period.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company does not engage in any off-balance sheet financing arrangements. In particular, we do not have any interest in variable interest entities, which include special purpose entities and structured finance entities.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K. Our discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of the financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, we evaluate the estimates that we have made. These estimates are based upon our historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Our actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Our critical accounting estimates are those that we believe require our most difficult or subjective judgments or estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. A discussion of our critical accounting estimates, the underlying judgments and uncertainties used to make them and the likelihood that materially different estimates would be reported under different conditions or using different assumptions is as follows:

Allowance for Losses on Accounts Receivable

Judgments and estimates are used in determining the collectability of accounts receivable. The Company analyzes specific accounts receivable and historical bad debt experience, customer credit worthiness, current economic trends and the age of outstanding balances when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts.

Management judgments and estimates are used in connection with establishing the allowance in any accounting period. Changes in estimates are reflected in the period they become known. If the financial condition of the Company's customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required. An additional impairment in value of one percent of net accounts receivable would require an increase in the allowance for doubtful accounts and would result in additional expense of approximately \$280,000. The Company's concentration of risk is also monitored and at year-end 2014, no customer had an account balance greater than 10% of receivables and the five largest customer account balances totaled \$7,128,000.

Additionally, the Company advances funds for certain of its suppliers to purchase raw materials. The Company deducts payment for these raw materials from payments made to the suppliers upon completion of the related finished goods. The Company had a receivables balance from one of its suppliers located in Haiti totaling approximately

\$3,758,000 at December 31, 2014. This amount is included in accounts receivable-other on the consolidated balance sheet.

Inventories

Superior markets itself to its customers as a "stock house." Therefore, Superior at all times carries substantial inventories of raw materials (principally piece goods) and finished garments. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market value. Judgments and estimates are used in determining the likelihood that new goods on hand can be sold to customers. Historical inventory usage and current revenue trends are considered in estimating both excess and obsolete inventories. If actual product demand and market conditions are less favorable than those projected by management, additional inventory write-downs may be required.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the net assets acquired. The Company tests goodwill for impairment annually as of December 31st and/or when an event occurs or circumstances change such that it is more likely than not that impairment may exist. Examples of such events and circumstances that the Company would consider include the following:

- macroeconomic conditions such as deterioration in general economic conditions, limitations on accessing capital, or other developments in equity and credit markets;
- industry and market considerations such as a deterioration in the environment in which the Company operates, an increased competitive environment, a decline in market-dependent multiples or metrics (considered in both absolute terms and relative to peers), a change in the market for the Company's products or services, or a regulatory or political development;

- cost factors such as increases in raw materials, labor, or other costs that have a negative effect on earnings and cash flows;
- overall financial performance such as negative or declining cash flows or a decline in actual or planned revenue or earnings compared with actual and projected results of relevant prior periods;
- other relevant entity-specific events such as changes in management, key personnel, strategy, or customers;

Goodwill is tested at a level of reporting referred to as "the reporting unit." The Company's reporting units are defined as each of its two reporting segments with all of its goodwill included in the Uniforms and Related Products segment.

An entity has the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether the existence of events or circumstances leads to a determination that it is more likely than not (that is, a likelihood of more than 50%) that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If, after assessing the totality of events or circumstances, an entity determines it is not more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, then performing the two-step impairment test is unnecessary. The Company completed its assessment of the qualitative factors as of December 31, 2014 and determined that it was not more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit was less than its carrying value.

Insurance

The Company self-insures for certain obligations related to health insurance programs. The Company also purchases stop-loss insurance policies to protect it from catastrophic losses. Judgments and estimates are used in determining the potential value associated with reported claims and for losses that have occurred, but have not been reported. The Company's estimates consider historical claim experience and other factors. The Company's liabilities are based on estimates, and, while the Company believes that the accrual for loss is adequate, the ultimate liability may be in excess of or less than the amounts recorded. Changes in claim experience, the Company's ability to settle claims or other estimates and judgments used by management could have a material impact on the amount and timing of expense for any period.

Pensions

The Company is the sponsor of two noncontributory qualified defined benefit pension plans, providing for normal retirement at age 65, covering all eligible employees (as defined). Periodic benefit payments on retirement are determined based on a fixed amount applied to service or determined as a percentage of earnings prior to retirement. The Company is also the sponsor of an unfunded supplemental executive retirement plan (SERP) in which several of its employees are participants. Pension plan assets for retirement benefits consist primarily of fixed income securities and common stock equities. Effective June 30, 2013, the Company no longer accrues additional benefits for future service or for future increases in compensation levels for the company's primary defined benefit pension plan.

The Company's pension obligations are determined using estimates including those related to discount rates and asset values. The discount rates used for the Company's pension plans of 3.74% to 3.86% were determined based on the Citigroup Pension Yield Curve. This rate was selected as the best estimate of the rate at which the benefit obligations could be effectively settled on the measurement date taking into account the nature and duration of the benefit obligations of the plan using high-quality fixed-income investments currently available (rated AA or better) and expected to be available during the period to maturity of the benefits. The 8% expected return on plan assets was determined based on historical long-term investment returns as well as future expectations given target investment asset allocations and current economic conditions.

At December 31, 2014, the Company's projected benefit obligation under its pension plans exceeded the fair value of the plans' assets by \$8,084,000 and thus the plans are underfunded. In 2014, a reduction in the expected return on plan assets of 0.25% would have resulted in additional expense of approximately \$38,000, while a reduction in the discount rate of 0.25% would have resulted in additional expense of approximately \$84,000 and would have reduced the funded status by \$974,000 for the Company's defined benefit pension plans. Interest rates and pension plan valuations may vary significantly based on worldwide economic conditions and asset investment decisions. For additional information on our benefit plans, please refer to "Note 8 – Benefit Plans" in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K.

Income Taxes

The Company is required to estimate and record income taxes payable for federal, state and foreign jurisdictions in which the Company operates. This process involves estimating actual current tax expense and assessing temporary differences resulting from differing accounting treatment between tax and book that result in deferred tax assets and liabilities. In addition, accruals are also estimated for federal and state tax matters for which deductibility is subject to interpretation. Taxes payable and the related deferred tax differences may be impacted by changes to tax laws, changes in tax rates and changes in taxable profits and losses. Federal income taxes are not provided on that portion of unremitted earnings of foreign subsidiaries that are expected to be reinvested indefinitely. Reserves are also estimated for uncertain tax positions that are currently unresolved. The Company routinely monitors the potential impact of such situations and believes that it is properly reserved. For the year ending December 31, 2014, we recognized a net decrease in total unrecognized tax benefits of approximately \$45,000. As of December 31, 2014, we had an accrued liability of \$580,000 for unrecognized tax benefits. We accrue interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense, and the related liability is included in other long-term liabilities on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

Share-Based Compensation

The Company recognizes expense for all share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, in the financial statements based on their fair values. Share-based compensation expense that was recorded in 2014 and 2013 includes the compensation expense for the share-based payments granted in those years. In the Company's share-based compensation strategy we utilize a combination of stock options and stock appreciation rights ("SARS") that fully vest on the date of grant. Therefore, the fair value of the options and SARS granted is recognized as expense on the date of grant. The Company used the Black-Scholes-Merton valuation model to value any share-based compensation. Option valuation methods, including Black-Scholes-Merton, require the input of highly complex and subjective assumptions including the risk free interest rate, dividend rate, expected term and common stock price volatility rate. The Company determines the assumptions to be used based upon current economic conditions. While different assumptions may result in materially different stock compensation expenses, changing any one of the individual assumptions by 10% would not have a material impact on the recorded expense. For additional information on share-based compensation and the assumptions we use, please refer to "Note 12 – Share Based Compensation" in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-K.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Not applicable.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**Superior Uniform Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries****Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income**

Years Ended December 31,

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------|
| Net sales | \$ 196,249,000 | \$ 151,496,000 |
| Costs and expenses: | | |
| Cost of goods sold | 127,512,000 | 98,938,000 |
| Selling and administrative expenses | 50,724,000 | 43,873,000 |
| Interest expense | 484,000 | 195,000 |
| | 178,720,000 | 143,006,000 |
| Income before taxes on income | 17,529,000 | 8,490,000 |
| Taxes on income | 6,180,000 | 2,640,000 |
| Net income | \$ 11,349,000 | \$ 5,850,000 |
| Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period | | |
| (Basic) | 13,298,452 | 12,523,176 |
| (Diluted) | 13,864,698 | 12,687,208 |
| Per Share Data: | | |
| Basic | | |
| Net earnings | \$ 0.85 | \$ 0.47 |
| Diluted | | |
| Net earnings | \$ 0.82 | \$ 0.46 |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax: | | |
| Defined benefit pension plans: | | |
| Amortization of prior service costs included in net periodic pension costs | - | 9,000 |
| Recognition of net losses included in net periodic pension costs | 211,000 | 617,000 |
| Recognition of settlement loss included in net periodic pension costs | 134,000 | 314,000 |
| Current period (loss) gains | (3,050,000) | 3,888,000 |
| Loss on cash flow hedging activities | (26,000) | (85,000) |

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| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Other comprehensive (loss) income | (2,731,000) | 4,743,000 |
| Comprehensive income | \$8,618,000 | \$10,593,000 |
| Dividends per common share | \$0.285 | \$0.068 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Superior Uniform Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Balance Sheets

December 31,

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|--|----------------------|---------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$4,586,000 | \$5,316,000 |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$680,000 and \$560,000, respectively | 27,956,000 | 22,735,000 |
| Accounts receivable - other | 4,135,000 | 4,133,000 |
| Inventories | 58,282,000 | 49,486,000 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 4,497,000 | 6,012,000 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | 99,456,000 | 87,682,000 |
| PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET | 16,285,000 | 13,160,000 |
| OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET | 16,288,000 | 18,353,000 |
| GOODWILL | 4,135,000 | 4,135,000 |
| DEFERRED INCOME TAXES | 3,636,000 | 2,009,000 |
| OTHER ASSETS | 137,000 | 155,000 |
| | \$139,937,000 | \$125,494,000 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable | \$9,706,000 | \$8,363,000 |
| Other current liabilities | 8,995,000 | 7,768,000 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 2,375,000 | 1,750,000 |
| Current portion of acquisition-related contingent liability | 1,189,000 | - |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | 22,265,000 | 17,881,000 |
| LONG-TERM DEBT | 22,660,000 | 24,500,000 |
| LONG-TERM PENSION LIABILITY | 8,084,000 | 3,617,000 |
| LONG-TERM ACQUISITION-RELATED CONTINGENT LIABILITY | 5,745,000 | 6,806,000 |
| OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES | 580,000 | 625,000 |
| DEFERRED INCOME TAXES | 191,000 | 130,000 |
| COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Notes 11 and 12) | | |
| SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY: | | |
| Preferred stock, \$1 par value - authorized 300,000 shares (none issued) | - | - |
| Common stock, \$.001 par value - authorized 50,000,000 shares, issued and outstanding 13,514,566 and 13,040,816, respectively. | 13,000 | 13,000 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 29,501,000 | 25,821,000 |
| Retained earnings | 56,843,000 | 49,315,000 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax: | | |

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Pensions | (5,834,000) | (3,129,000) |
| Cash flow hedges | (111,000) | (85,000) |
| TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | 80,412,000 | 71,935,000 |
| | \$139,937,000 | \$125,494,000 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Superior Uniform Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries**Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity**

Years Ended December 31,

| | Common Shares | Common Stock | Additional Paid-In Capital | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income, net of tax | Total Shareholders' Equity |
|--|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Balance, January 1, 2013 | 6,115,907 | \$ 6,000 | \$21,288,000 | \$44,451,000 | \$ (7,957,000) | \$ 57,788,000 |
| Impact of 2:1 stock split | 6,115,907 | 6,000 | (6,000) | | | - |
| Common shares issued upon exercise of options | 412,882 | - | 2,216,000 | | | 2,216,000 |
| Restricted shares issued | 417,234 | 1,000 | 1,554,000 | | | 1,555,000 |
| Common shares issued upon exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs) | 5,308 | - | - | | | - |
| Share-based compensation expense | | | 788,000 | | | 788,000 |
| Tax benefit from exercise of stock options | | - | 31,000 | | | 31,000 |
| Common shares received as payment for exercise of stock options | | - | | | | - |
| Purchase and retirement of common shares | (26,422) | - | (50,000) | (112,000) | | (162,000) |
| Cash dividends declared (\$0.068 per share) | | | | (874,000) | | (874,000) |
| Comprehensive Income (Loss): | | | | | | |
| Net earnings | | | | 5,850,000 | | 5,850,000 |
| Net change during the period related to: | | | | | | |
| Cash flow hedges, net of taxes of \$40,000 | | | | | (85,000) | (85,000) |
| Pensions, net of taxes of \$2,506,000 | | | | | 4,828,000 | 4,828,000 |
| Comprehensive Income: | | | | | | 10,593,000 |
| Balance, December 31, 2013 | 13,040,816 | 13,000 | 25,821,000 | 49,315,000 | (3,214,000) | 71,935,000 |
| Common shares issued upon exercise of options | 319,502 | - | 1,855,000 | | | 1,855,000 |

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|---|------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Restricted shares issued | 106,016 | | 229,000 | | 229,000 |
| Common shares issued upon exercise of Stock | 27,672 | - | - | | - |
| Appreciation Rights (SARs) | | | | | |
| Share-based compensation expense | | | 1,175,000 | | 1,175,000 |
| Tax benefit from exercise of stock options | | - | 231,000 | | 231,000 |
| Tax benefit from exercise of SARS | | | 32,000 | | 32,000 |
| Common shares received as payment for exercise of stock options | 20,560 | - | 158,000 | (158,000) | - |
| Cash dividends declared (\$.285 per share) | | | | (3,663,000) | (3,663,000) |
| Comprehensive Income (Loss): | | | | | |
| Net earnings | | | 11,349,000 | | 11,349,000 |
| Net change during the period related to: | | | | | |
| Cash flow hedges, net of taxes of \$21,000 | | | | (26,000) | (26,000) |
| Pensions, net of taxes of \$1,546,000 | | | | (2,705,000) | (2,705,000) |
| Comprehensive Income: | | | | | 8,618,000 |
| Balance, December 31, 2014 | 13,514,566 | \$ 13,000 | \$ 29,501,000 | \$ 56,843,000 | \$ (5,945,000) \$ 80,412,000 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Superior Uniform Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years Ended December 31,

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|---|---------------------|--------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net income | \$11,349,000 | \$5,850,000 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 3,839,000 | 2,582,000 |
| Provision for bad debts - accounts receivable | 197,000 | 161,000 |
| Share-based compensation expense | 1,404,000 | 788,000 |
| Deferred income tax provision (benefit) | 1,000 | (249,000) |
| Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment | (91,000) | (12,000) |
| Accretion of acquisition-related contingent liability | 128,000 | 63,000 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisition of business: | | |
| Accounts receivable - trade | (5,418,000) | (1,569,000) |
| Accounts receivable - other | (2,000) | (1,138,000) |
| Inventories | (8,796,000) | 134,000 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 1,515,000 | (2,122,000) |
| Other assets | 18,000 | 27,000 |
| Accounts payable | 1,343,000 | 1,734,000 |
| Other current liabilities | 1,180,000 | 1,781,000 |
| Long-term pension liability | 216,000 | 482,000 |
| Other long-term liabilities | (45,000) | (111,000) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 6,838,000 | 8,401,000 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment | (4,936,000) | (1,631,000) |
| Proceeds from disposals of property, plant and equipment | 128,000 | 14,000 |
| Purchase of business | - | (32,483,000) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (4,808,000) | (34,100,000) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | 55,117,000 | 44,740,000 |
| Repayment of long-term debt | (56,332,000) | (18,490,000) |
| Payment of cash dividends | (3,663,000) | (874,000) |
| Proceeds received on exercise of stock options | 1,855,000 | 2,216,000 |
| Excess tax benefit from exercise of stock options and SARs | 263,000 | 31,000 |
| Common stock reacquired and retired | - | (162,000) |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities | (2,760,000) | 27,461,000 |

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| | | | |
|--|--------------------|---|-------------|
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (730,000 |) | 1,762,000 |
| Cash and cash equivalents balance, beginning of year | 5,316,000 | | 3,554,000 |
| Cash and cash equivalents balance, end of year | \$4,586,000 | | \$5,316,000 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Superior Uniform Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

NOTE 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

a) Business description

Superior's Uniforms and Related Products segment, through its signature marketing brands—Fashion Seal Healthcare[®], HPI Direct[®], Superior I.D.[™], Work[®]UniVogue[®] and BlueFusion[®]—manufactures and sells a wide range of uniforms, career apparel and accessories for the hospital and healthcare fields; hotels; fast food and other restaurants; transportation, and private security, industrial and commercial markets. In excess of 95% of Superior's Uniforms and Related Products segment's net sales are from the sale of uniforms and service apparel and directly-related products.

b) Basis of presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Superior Uniform Group, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, The Office Gurus, LLC, SUG Holding and Fashion Seal Corporation; The Office Gurus, LTDA, De C.V., The Office Masters, LTDA, De C.V. and The Office Gurus, Ltd., each a subsidiary of Fashion Seal Corporation and SUG Holding; and Power Three Web Ltda. and Superior Sourcing, each a wholly-owned subsidiary of SUG Holding. All of these entities are referred to collectively as "the Company".

c) Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents.

d) Revenue recognition and allowance for doubtful accounts

The Company recognizes revenue as products are shipped and title passes and as services are provided. The Company collects sales tax for various taxing authorities. It is the Company's policy to record these amounts on a net basis. Therefore, these amounts are not included in net sales for the Company. A provision for estimated returns and allowances is recorded based upon historical experience and current allowance programs. Judgments and estimates are used in determining the collectability of accounts receivable. The Company analyzes specific accounts receivable and historical bad debt experience, customer credit worthiness, current economic trends and the age of outstanding balances when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts. Management judgments and estimates are used in connection with establishing the allowance in any accounting period. Changes in estimates are reflected in the period they become known. Charge-offs of accounts receivable are made once all collection efforts have been exhausted. If the financial condition of the Company's customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required.

e) Accounts receivable-other

The Company purchases raw materials and has them delivered to certain suppliers of the Company. The Company pays for the raw materials and then deducts the cost of these materials from payments to the suppliers at the time the related finished goods are invoiced to the Company by those suppliers.

f) Advertising expenses

The Company expenses advertising costs as incurred. Advertising costs for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, were \$114,000 and \$89,000.

g) Cost of goods sold and shipping and handling fees and costs

Cost of goods sold consists primarily of direct costs of acquiring inventory, including cost of merchandise, inbound freight charges, purchasing, receiving and inspection costs, for our Uniforms and Related Products segment. Cost of goods sold for our Remote Staffing Solutions segment includes salaries and payroll related benefits for agents. The Company includes shipping and handling fees billed to customers in net sales. Shipping and handling costs associated with out-bound freight are generally recorded in cost of goods sold. Other shipping and handling costs are included in selling and administrative expenses and totaled \$9,170,000 and \$7,053,000 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

h) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market value. Judgments and estimates are used in determining the likelihood that goods on hand can be sold to customers. Historical inventory usage and current revenue trends are considered in estimating both excess and obsolete inventories. If actual product demand and market conditions are less favorable than those projected by management, additional inventory write-downs may be required.

i) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Major renewals and improvements are capitalized, while replacements, maintenance and repairs which do not improve or extend the life of the respective assets are expensed on a current basis. Costs of assets sold or retired and the related accumulated depreciation and amortization are eliminated from accounts and the net gain or loss is reflected in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income within selling and administrative expenses.

j) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the net assets acquired. The Company tests goodwill for impairment annually as of December 31st and/or when an event occurs or circumstances change such that it is more likely than not that impairment may exist. Examples of such events and circumstances that the Company would consider include the following:

- macroeconomic conditions such as deterioration in general economic conditions, limitations on accessing capital, or other developments in equity and credit markets;
- industry and market considerations such as a deterioration in the environment in which the Company operates, an increased competitive environment, a decline in market-dependent multiples or metrics (considered in both absolute terms and relative to peers), a change in the market for the Company's products or services, or a regulatory or political development;
- cost factors such as increases in raw materials, labor, or other costs that have a negative effect on earnings and cash flows;
- overall financial performance such as negative or declining cash flows or a decline in actual or planned revenue or earnings compared with actual and projected results of relevant prior periods;
- other relevant entity-specific events such as changes in management, key personnel, strategy, or customers;

Goodwill is tested at a level of reporting referred to as "the reporting unit." The Company's reporting units are defined as each of its two reporting segments with all of its goodwill included in the Uniforms and Related Products segment.

An entity has the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether the existence of events or circumstances leads to a determination that it is more likely than not (that is, a likelihood of more than 50%) that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If, after assessing the totality of events or circumstances, an entity determines it is not more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, then performing the two-step impairment test is unnecessary. The Company completed its assessment of the qualitative factors as of December 31, 2014 and determined that it was not more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit was less than its carrying value.

k) Other intangible assets

Other intangible assets consist of customer relationships, a non-compete agreement and a trade name acquired in a previous business acquisition.

The cost, amortization and net value of customer relationships and non-compete agreement as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

| | Customer Relationships | Weighted Average Life (years) | Non-compete Agreement | Weighted Average Life (years) |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| December 31, 2014 | | | | |
| Cost | \$ 10,221,000 | 9.6 | \$ 5,000,000 | 5 |
| Accumulated amortization | (2,133,000) | | (1,500,000) | |
| Net | \$ 8,088,000 | | \$ 3,500,000 | |
| December 31, 2013 | | | | |
| Cost | \$ 10,221,000 | 9.6 | \$ 5,000,000 | 5 |
| Accumulated amortization | (1,068,000) | | (500,000) | |
| Net | \$ 9,153,000 | | \$ 4,500,000 | |

Amortization expense for other intangible assets was \$2,065,000 and \$1,106,000 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Amortization expense for other intangible assets is expected to be \$2,066,000 for the year ending December 31, 2015; \$2,042,000 in 2016; \$1,920,000 in 2017; \$1,420,000 in 2018; \$920,000 in each of the years ending December 31, 2019 through 2022; and \$459,000 in 2023.

As part of the acquisition of HPI in 2013, the Company recorded \$4,700,000 as the fair value of the acquired trade name in other intangible assets. This asset is considered to have an indefinite life and as such is not being amortized.

l) Depreciation and amortization

Plant and equipment are depreciated on the straight-line basis at 2.5% to 5% for buildings, 2.5% to 20% for improvements, 10% to 33.33% for machinery, equipment and fixtures and 20% to 33.33% for transportation equipment. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the terms of the leases inasmuch as such improvements have useful lives of at least the terms of the respective leases.

m) Employee benefits

Pension plan costs are funded currently based on actuarial estimates, with prior service costs amortized over 20 years. The Company recognizes settlement gains and losses in its consolidated financial statements when the cost of all settlements in a year is greater than the sum of the service cost and interest cost components of net periodic pension cost for the plan for the year.

n) Insurance

The Company self-insures for certain obligations related to employee health programs. The Company also purchases stop-loss insurance policies to protect it from catastrophic losses. Judgments and estimates are used in determining the potential value associated with reported claims and for losses that have occurred, but have not been reported. The Company's estimates consider historical claim experience and other factors. The Company's liabilities are based on estimates, and, while the Company believes that the accrual for loss is adequate, the ultimate liability may be in excess of or less than the amounts recorded. Changes in claim experience, the Company's ability to settle claims or other estimates and judgments used by management could have a material impact on the amount and timing of expense for any period.

o) Taxes on income

Income taxes are provided for under the liability method, whereby deferred tax assets are recognized for deductible temporary differences and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards and deferred tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences. Temporary differences are the differences between the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment. The calculation of the Company's tax liabilities also involves dealing with uncertainties in the application of complex tax regulations. The Company recognizes liabilities for uncertain income tax positions based on estimates of whether, and the extent to which, additional taxes will be required. The Company also reports interest and penalties related to uncertain income tax positions as income taxes. Refer to Note 7.

p) Impairment of long-lived assets

Long-lived assets, such as property and equipment, and purchased intangibles subject to amortization, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of the asset is measured by comparison of its carrying amount to future net cash flows the asset is expected to generate. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured as the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its fair value. There was no impairment of long-lived assets for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

q) Share-based compensation

The Company awards share-based compensation as an incentive for employees to contribute to the Company's long-term success. Historically, the Company has issued options and stock-settled stock appreciation rights. At December 31, 2014, the Company had 4,360,846 shares of common stock authorized for awards of share-based compensation under its 2013 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan.

The Company recognizes share-based compensation expense for all awards granted to employees, which is based on the fair value of the award on the date of grant. Determining the appropriate fair value model and calculating the fair value of stock compensation awards requires the input of certain highly complex and subjective assumptions, including the expected life of the stock compensation awards and the Company's common stock price volatility, risk free interest rate and dividend rate. The assumptions used in calculating the fair value of stock compensation awards represent management's best estimates, but these estimates involve inherent uncertainties and the application of judgment. As a result, if factors change and the Company deems it necessary to use different assumptions, stock compensation expense could be materially different from what has been recorded in the current period.

r) Earnings per share

Historical basic per share data is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding. Historical diluted per share data is reconciled by adding to weighted average shares outstanding the dilutive impact of the exercise of outstanding stock options and stock-settled stock appreciation rights.

s) Comprehensive income

Other comprehensive income (loss) is defined as the change in equity during a period, from transactions and other events, excluding changes resulting from investments by owners (e.g., supplemental stock offering) and distributions to owners (e.g., dividends).

t) Operating segments

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) establishes standards for the way that public companies report information about operating segments in annual financial statements and establishes standards for related disclosures about product and services, geographic areas and major customers. The Company has reviewed the standard and determined that it has two reportable segments, Uniforms and Related Products and Remote Staffing Solutions.

u) Risks and concentrations

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk include cash in banks in excess of federally insured amounts. The Company manages this risk by maintaining all deposits in high quality financial institutions and periodically performing evaluations of the relative credit standing of the financial institutions. When assessing credit risk the Company considers whether the credit risk exists at both the individual and group level. Consideration is given to the activity, region and economic characteristics when assessing if there exists a group concentration risk. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company had no customer with an accounts receivable balance greater than 10% of the total accounts receivable. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the accounts receivable balances for the Company’s five largest customers totaled \$7,128,000 and \$6,264,000, respectively, or approximately 25.5% and 27.6% of the respective total accounts receivable balances. The Company’s largest customer for each of the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 had net sales of approximately \$11,215,000 and \$10,110,000, respectively, or approximately 5.7% and 6.7% of the respective total net sales for the Company. The Company’s five largest customers for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 had net sales of approximately \$43,153,000 and \$35,084,000, respectively, or approximately 22.0% and 23.2% of the respective total net sales for the Company.

Included in accounts receivable-other on the Company's consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2014 and 2013 are receivable balances from a supplier in Haiti totaling \$3,758,000 and \$4,018,000, respectively.

In 2014 and 2013, approximately 22% and 33%, respectively, of the Company's products were obtained from suppliers located in Central America. Any inability by the Company to continue to obtain its products from Central America could significantly disrupt the Company's business. Because the Company manufactures and sources products in Central America, the Company is affected by economic conditions in those countries, including increased duties, possible employee turnover, labor unrest and lack of developed infrastructure.

v) Fair value of financial instruments

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, receivables and accounts payable approximated fair value as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, because of the relatively short maturities of these instruments. The carrying amount of the Company's long-term debt approximated fair value as the rates are adjustable based upon current market conditions.

w) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

v) New Accounting Standards

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (ASC 606), which amends the guidance in ASC 605, *Revenue Recognition*. The company is currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of ASC 606.

NOTE 2 - Allowance for Doubtful Accounts Receivable:

The activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts receivable was as follows:

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance at the beginning of year | \$560,000 | \$725,000 |
| Provision for bad debts | 197,000 | 161,000 |
| Charge-offs | (105,000) | (337,000) |
| Recoveries | 28,000 | 11,000 |
| Balance at the end of year | \$680,000 | \$560,000 |

NOTE 3 - Reserve for Sales Returns and Allowances:

The activity in the reserve for sales returns and allowances was as follows:

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Balance at the beginning of year | \$793,000 | \$178,000 |
| Provision for returns and allowances | 6,024,000 | 3,062,000 |
| Liability assumed in acquisition of business | - | 645,000 |
| Actual returns and allowances paid to customers | (5,509,000) | (3,092,000) |
| Balance at the end of year | \$1,308,000 | \$793,000 |

NOTE 4 - Inventories:

| | December 31, | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2014 | 2013 |
| Finished goods | \$44,610,000 | \$37,259,000 |
| Work in process | 323,000 | 111,000 |
| Raw materials | 13,349,000 | 12,116,000 |
| | \$58,282,000 | \$49,486,000 |

NOTE 5 - Property, Plant and Equipment:

| | December 31, | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| | 2014 | 2013 |
| Land | \$4,485,000 | \$2,340,000 |
| Buildings, improvements and leaseholds | 11,329,000 | 11,719,000 |
| Machinery, equipment and fixtures | 42,686,000 | 40,292,000 |
| | 58,500,000 | 54,351,000 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (42,215,000) | (41,191,000) |
| | \$16,285,000 | \$13,160,000 |

Depreciation and amortization charges were approximately \$1,774,000 and \$1,476,000 in 2014 and 2013, respectively.

NOTE 6 - Long-Term Debt:

| | December 31, 2014 | December 31, 2013 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Term loan payable to Fifth Third Bank, maturing July 1, 2018 | \$ 24,375,000 | \$ 26,250,000 |
| Note payable to Fifth Third Bank, pursuant to revolving credit agreement, maturing July 1, 2016 | 440,000 | - |
| Note payable to Fifth Third Bank, pursuant to revolving credit agreement, maturing July 1, 2018 | 220,000 | - |

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|---|---------------|---------------|
| | \$ 25,035,000 | \$ 26,250,000 |
| Less payments due within one year included in current liabilities | 2,375,000 | 1,750,000 |
| Long-term debt less current maturities | \$ 22,660,000 | \$ 24,500,000 |

Effective July 1, 2013, the Company entered into an amended and restated 5-year credit agreement with Fifth Third Bank that made available to the Company up to \$15,000,000 on a revolving credit basis (the “Initial Credit Facility”) in addition to a \$30,000,000 term loan utilized to finance the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of HPI Direct, Inc. as discussed in Note 15. Interest is payable on the term loan at LIBOR plus 0.95% (1.1% at December 31, 2014) and on the revolving credit facility at LIBOR (rounded up to the next 1/8th of 1%) plus 0.95% (1.2% at December 31, 2014). Both loans are based upon the one-month LIBOR rate for U.S. dollar based borrowings. The Company pays an annual commitment fee of 0.10% on the average unused portion of the commitment under the Initial Credit Facility. The available balance under the Initial Credit Facility is reduced by outstanding letters of credit. As of December 31, 2014, there were no outstanding balances under letters of credit.

Effective October 22, 2013, the credit agreement was amended to, among other things, increase the amount of permitted investments in subsidiaries that are not parties to the credit agreement and related agreements, from \$1 million to \$5 million.

On May 1, 2014, the credit agreement was further amended to provide for an additional \$10 million revolving credit facility with Fifth Third Bank (the "Add on Credit Facility"), pursuant to the Second Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Other Loan Documents, dated May 1, 2014. The Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and other Loan Documents, as so amended, is referred to herein as the "Credit Agreement." The Add on Credit Facility matures July 1, 2016. Interest is payable on the Add on Credit Facility at LIBOR (rounded up to the next 1/8th of 1%) plus 0.95% based upon the one-month LIBOR rate for U.S. dollar based borrowings (1.2% at December 31, 2014). The Company pays an annual commitment fee of 0.50% on the average unused portion of the commitment under the Add on Credit Facility.

In order to reduce interest rate risk on the term loan, the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement with Fifth Third Bank in July 2013 that was designed to effectively convert or hedge the variable interest rate on a portion of our term loan under the Credit Agreement to achieve a net fixed rate of 2.53% per annum, beginning July 1, 2014 with an original notional amount of \$14,250,000 that is adjusted to match the outstanding principal on the related debt. The notional amount of the interest rate swap is reduced by the scheduled amortization of the principal balance of the term loan of \$187,500 per month through July 1, 2015 and \$250,000 per month through June 1, 2018. The remaining notional balance of \$3,250,000 will be eliminated at the maturity of the term loan on July 1, 2018.

Under the terms of the interest rate swap, the Company will receive variable interest rate payments and make fixed interest rate payments on an amount equal to the notional amount at that time. Changes in the fair value of the interest rate swap designated as the hedging instrument that effectively offset the variability of cash flows associated with the variable-rate, long-term debt obligation are reported in Other Comprehensive Income ("OCI"), net of related income tax effects. At December 31, 2014, the interest rate swap had a negative fair value of \$172,000, which is presented in other current liabilities within the consolidated balance sheets. The aggregate change of \$172,000, net of tax benefit of \$61,000, since the inception of the hedge in July 2013 has been recorded within OCI through December 31, 2014. The Company does not currently expect any of those losses to be reclassified into earnings over the subsequent twelve-month period.

The remaining scheduled amortization for the term loan is as follows: 2015 \$2,375,000; 2016 \$3,000,000; 2017 \$3,000,000; and 2018 \$16,000,000. The term loan does not include a prepayment penalty. In connection with the credit agreement, the Company incurred approximately \$68,000 of debt financing costs, which primarily consisted of legal fees. These costs are being amortized over the life of the credit agreement and are recorded as additional interest expense.

Our obligations under the Credit Agreement are secured by substantially all of the operating assets of Superior Uniform Group, Inc. and are guaranteed by all domestic subsidiaries of Superior Uniform Group, Inc. The agreement contains restrictive provisions concerning a maximum funded senior indebtedness to EBITDA ratio as defined in the agreement (3.5:1), a maximum funded indebtedness to EBITDA ratio as defined in the agreement (4.0:1) and fixed charge coverage ratio as defined in the agreement (1.25:1). The Company is in full compliance with all terms, conditions and covenants of the credit agreement.

NOTE 7 – Taxes on Income:

Aggregate income tax provisions consist of the following:

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Current: | | |
| Federal | \$5,576,000 | \$2,620,000 |
| State and local | 603,000 | 269,000 |
| | 6,179,000 | 2,889,000 |
| Deferred tax provision (benefit) | 1,000 | (249,000) |
| | \$6,180,000 | \$2,640,000 |

The significant components of the deferred income tax asset (liability) are as follows:

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Deferred income tax assets: | | |
| Pension accruals | \$3,340,000 | \$1,794,000 |
| Operating reserves and other accruals | 1,069,000 | 861,000 |
| Tax carrying value in excess of book basis of goodwill | 621,000 | 545,000 |
| Deferred income tax liabilities: | | |
| Book carrying value in excess of tax basis of property | (572,000) | (605,000) |
| Deferred expenses | (1,013,000) | (716,000) |
| Net deferred income tax asset | \$3,445,000 | \$1,879,000 |

The difference between the total statutory Federal income tax rate and the actual effective income tax rate is accounted for as follows:

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|---|--------|-------|
| Statutory Federal income tax rate | 34.0% | 34.0% |
| State and local income taxes, net of Federal income tax benefit | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Effect of change in unrecognized tax benefit | - | (2.0) |
| Untaxed foreign income | (3.3) | (6.0) |
| Non-deductible share-based employee compensation expense | 1.6 | 2.3 |
| Other items | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| Effective income tax rate | 35.3% | 31.1% |

Only tax positions that meet the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold are recognized in the consolidated financial statements.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, we have \$580,000 and \$625,000 of unrecognized tax benefits, all of which, if recognized, would favorably affect the annual effective income tax rate. We do not expect any significant amount of this liability to be paid in the next twelve months. Accordingly, the balance of \$580,000 is included in other long-term liabilities.

Changes in the Company's gross liability for unrecognized tax benefits, excluding interest and penalties, were as follows:

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Balance at January 1, | \$497,000 | \$565,000 |
| Additions based on tax positions related to the current year | 59,000 | 59,000 |
| (Reductions) additions for tax positions of prior years | (7,000) | 1,000 |
| Reductions due to audits by taxing jurisdictions | - | (50,000) |
| Reductions due to lapse of statute of limitations | (87,000) | (78,000) |
| Balance at December 31, | \$462,000 | \$497,000 |

We recognize interest and penalties accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits in the provision for income taxes. During 2014 and 2013, we recorded \$28,000 and \$45,000 respectively, for interest and penalties, net of tax benefits. During 2014 and 2013, we reduced the liability by \$38,000 and \$65,000, respectively, of interest and penalties due to lapse of statute of limitations and an adjustment to the expected interest rate. Additionally, the accrued interest and penalties balance was reduced by \$23,000 as a result of payments made during 2013 related to audits completed during the year. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, we had \$118,000 and \$128,000, respectively, accrued for interest and penalties, net of tax benefit.

We anticipate that it is reasonably possible that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits could decrease by approximately \$137,000 within the next 12 months due to the closure of tax years by expiration of the statute of limitations and audit settlements related to various state tax filing positions. The earliest year open to federal examinations is 2011 and significant state examinations is 2008.

We have not provided deferred taxes on undistributed earnings attributable to foreign operations that have been considered to be reinvested indefinitely. These earnings relate to ongoing operations and were \$9,107,000 and \$7,266,000 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. It is not practical to determine the income tax liability that would be payable if such earnings were not indefinitely reinvested.

NOTE 8 – Benefit Plans:

Defined Benefit Plans

The Company is the sponsor of two noncontributory qualified defined benefit pension plans, providing for normal retirement at age 65, covering all eligible employees (as defined). Periodic benefit payments on retirement are determined based on a fixed amount applied to service or determined as a percentage of earnings prior to retirement. The Company is also the sponsor of an unfunded supplemental executive retirement plan (SERP) in which several of its employees are participants. Pension plan assets for retirement benefits consist primarily of fixed income securities and common stock equities.

Effective June 30, 2013, the Company no longer accrues additional benefits for future service or for future increases in compensation levels for the company's primary defined benefit pension plan. The curtailment gain included in the table in this note was recognized as a result of this change.

The Company recognizes the funded status of its defined benefit post retirement plans in the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

At December 31, 2014, the Company's projected benefit obligation under its pension plans exceeded the fair value of the plans' assets by \$8,084,000 and thus the plans are underfunded.

It is our policy to make contributions to the various plans in accordance with statutory funding requirements and any additional funding that may be deemed appropriate.

The following tables present the changes in the benefit obligations and the various plan assets, the funded status of the plans, and the amounts recognized in the Company's consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2014 and 2013:

| | December 31, | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 2014 | 2013 |
| Changes in benefit obligation | | |
| Benefit obligation at beginning of year | \$21,633,000 | \$27,819,000 |
| Service cost | 81,000 | 364,000 |
| Interest cost | 1,001,000 | 1,016,000 |
| Actuarial loss (gain) | 4,168,000 | (2,810,000) |
| Curtailement gain | - | (1,990,000) |
| Benefits paid | (1,413,000) | (2,766,000) |
| Benefit obligation at end of year | 25,470,000 | 21,633,000 |
| Changes in plan assets | | |
| Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year | 18,016,000 | 17,351,000 |
| Actual return on assets | 783,000 | 2,431,000 |
| Employer contributions | - | 1,000,000 |
| Benefits paid | (1,413,000) | (2,766,000) |
| Fair value of plan assets at end of year | 17,386,000 | 18,016,000 |
| Funded status at end of year | \$(8,084,000) | \$(3,617,000) |
| Amounts recognized in consolidated balance sheet | | |
| Long-term pension liability | \$(8,084,000) | \$(3,617,000) |
| Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income consist of: | | |
| Net actuarial loss | \$9,153,000 | \$4,903,000 |
| Information for pension plans with projected benefit obligation in excess of plan assets | | |
| | December 31, | |
| | 2014 | 2013 |
| Projected benefit obligation | \$25,470,000 | \$21,633,000 |
| Fair value of plan assets | (17,386,000) | (18,016,000) |
| | \$8,084,000 | \$3,617,000 |
| Components of net periodic benefit cost | | |
| | 2014 | 2013 |
| Net periodic benefits cost | | |
| Service cost - benefits earned during the period | \$81,000 | \$364,000 |

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|---|-------------|-------------|
| Interest cost on projected benefit obligation | 1,001,000 | 1,016,000 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (1,395,000) | (1,325,000) |
| Amortization of prior service cost | - | 13,000 |
| Recognized actuarial loss | 322,000 | 938,000 |
| Settlement loss | 208,000 | 476,000 |
| Net periodic pension cost after settlements | \$217,000 | \$1,482,000 |

The pension settlement loss included in the table above relates to lump sum payments made to various employees upon their retirement or termination each year.

The estimated net actuarial loss for the defined benefit pension plans that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost over the next fiscal year is \$797,000.

The table below presents various assumptions used in determining the benefit obligation for each year and reflects the percentages for the various plans.

Weighted-average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations at December 31,

| | Discount Rate | | Long Term Rate of Return | | Salary Scale | |
|------|---------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| | Corp. | Plants | Corp. | Plants | Corp | Plants |
| 2013 | 4.82 % | 4.66 % | 8.00 % | 8.00 % | N/A | N/A |
| 2014 | 3.86 % | 3.74 % | 8.00 % | 8.00 % | N/A | N/A |

Weighted-average assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost for years ending December 31,

| | Discount Rate | | Long Term Rate of Return | | Salary Scale | |
|------|---------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| | Corp. | Plants | Corp. | Plants | Corp | Plants |
| 2013 | 3.93 % | 3.77 % | 8.00 % | 8.00 % | 3.00 % | N/A |
| 2014 | 4.82 % | 4.66 % | 8.00 % | 8.00 % | N/A | N/A |

The methodology used to determine the expected rate of return on the pension plan assets was based on a review of actual returns in the past and consideration of projected returns based upon our projected asset allocation. Our strategy with respect to our investments in pension plan assets is to be invested with a long-term outlook. Therefore, the risk and return balance of our asset portfolio should reflect a long-term horizon. Our pension plan asset allocation at December 31, 2013, 2014 and target allocation for 2015 are as follows:

| Investment description | Percentage of Plan Assets at December 31, | | Target Allocation | |
|------------------------|---|-------|----------------------|---|
| | 2014 | 2013 | 2015 | |
| Equity securities | 63 % | 59 % | 65 | % |
| Fixed income | 15 % | 16 % | 15 | % |
| Other | 22 % | 25 % | 20 | % |
| Total | 100 % | 100 % | 100 | % |

The Company plans to contribute \$1,000,000 to our defined benefit pension plans in 2015.

The following table includes projected benefit payments for the years indicated:

| Year | Projected Benefit Payments |
|-------------|---|
| 2015 | \$1,204,000 |
| 2016 | \$2,194,000 |
| 2017 | \$2,242,000 |
| 2018 | \$1,349,000 |
| 2019 | \$1,384,000 |
| 2020-2024 | \$8,672,000 |

Defined Contribution Plan

The Company provides a defined contribution plan covering qualified employees. The plan includes a provision that allows employees to make pre-tax contributions under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan provides for the Company to make a guaranteed match equal to 25% of each employee's eligible contributions. The plan also provides the Company with the option of making an additional discretionary contribution to the plan each year. Currently the discretionary contribution is set at 3% of eligible employees' payroll. The Company contributions for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 were approximately \$782,000 and \$292,000, respectively.

NOTE 9 – Quarterly Results for 2013 and 2014 (Unaudited):

| | Quarter Ended | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | March 31, 2013 | June 30, 2013 | September 30, 2013 | December 31, 2013 |
| Net sales | \$30,985,000 | \$30,854,000 | \$44,184,000 | \$45,473,000 |
| Gross profit | \$11,313,000 | \$11,178,000 | \$15,040,000 | \$15,027,000 |
| Income before taxes on income | \$1,749,000 | \$2,068,000 | \$2,128,000 | \$2,545,000 |
| Net income | \$1,229,000 | \$1,438,000 | \$1,508,000 | \$1,675,000 |
| Per Share Data: | | | | |
| Basic | | | | |
| Net income | \$0.10 | \$0.12 | \$0.12 | \$0.13 |
| Diluted | | | | |
| Net income | \$0.10 | \$0.12 | \$0.12 | \$0.13 |
| Average Outstanding Shares (Basic) | 12,242,360 | 12,252,646 | 12,692,520 | 12,905,174 |
| Average Outstanding Shares (Diluted) | 12,338,950 | 12,340,242 | 12,807,786 | 13,261,852 |

| | Quarter Ended | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | March 31, 2014 | June 30, 2014 | September 30, 2014 | December 31, 2014 |
| Net sales | \$41,027,000 | \$53,230,000 | \$52,291,000 | \$49,701,000 |
| Gross profit | \$14,056,000 | \$19,006,000 | \$18,433,000 | \$17,242,000 |
| Income before taxes on income | \$1,878,000 | \$5,867,000 | \$5,168,000 | \$4,616,000 |
| Net income | \$1,218,000 | \$3,907,000 | \$3,368,000 | \$2,856,000 |
| Per Share Data: | | | | |
| Basic | | | | |
| Net income | \$0.09 | \$0.30 | \$0.25 | \$0.21 |
| Diluted | | | | |

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|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Net income | \$0.09 | \$0.29 | \$0.24 | \$0.20 |
| Average Outstanding Shares (Basic) | 13,128,946 | 13,207,804 | 13,375,566 | 13,481,494 |
| Average Outstanding Shares (Diluted) | 13,553,740 | 13,648,540 | 14,004,202 | 14,252,310 |

NOTE 10 – Rentals:

Aggregate rent expense, including month-to-month rentals, approximated \$342,000 and \$184,000 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Long-term lease commitments totaling \$354,000 are as follows: 2015 - \$170,000; 2016 - \$168,000; and 2017 - \$164,000.

NOTE 11 – Contingencies:

The Company is involved in various legal actions and claims arising from the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate outcome of these matters will not have a material impact on the Company's results of operations, cash flows, or financial position.

During 2005, the Company entered into severance protection agreements with senior management. The terms of these agreements require the Company to potentially make certain payments to members of senior management in the event of a change in control of the Company.

NOTE 12 – Share-Based Compensation:

In 2003, the stockholders of the Company approved the 2003 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan (the "2003 Plan"), authorizing the granting of incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, performance stock and other stock based compensation. This plan expired in May of 2013, at which time, the stockholders of the Company approved the 2013 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan (the "2013 Plan"), authorizing the granting of incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, performance stock and other stock based compensation. A total of 5,000,000 shares of common stock (subject to adjustment for expirations and cancellations of options outstanding from the 2003 Plan subsequent to its termination) have been reserved for issuance under the 2013 Plan. All awards under both plans have been or will be granted at prices at least equal to the fair market value of the shares on the date of grant. Awards (all of which are exercisable at each respective year end) granted to date under both plans are exercisable in part or in full within five years of grant date with the exception of annual grants to outside directors which are exercisable in part or in full within ten years of grant date. Proceeds from the exercise of awards are credited to common stock to the extent of par value, and the balance is credited to additional paid-in capital. At December 31, 2014, the Company had 4,360,846 shares of common stock authorized for awards of share-based compensation under the 2013 Plan. A summary of option transactions during the two years ended December 31, 2014 follows:

| | No. of Shares | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Outstanding December 31, 2012 | 1,229,834 | \$ 5.62 |
| Granted | 405,768 | 5.72 |
| Exercised | (412,882) | 5.37 |
| Lapsed | (62,300) | 5.34 |

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|-------------------------------|------------|---------|
| Cancelled | (46,362) | 5.84 |
| Outstanding December 31, 2013 | 1,114,058 | \$ 5.76 |
| Granted | 397,218 | 8.30 |
| Exercised | (360,318) | 5.70 |
| Lapsed | (20,400) | 7.92 |
| Cancelled | (12,500) | 6.43 |
| Outstanding December 31, 2014 | 1,118,058 | \$ 6.63 |

At December 31, 2014, options outstanding, all of which were fully vested and exercisable, had an intrinsic value of \$9,007,000.

Options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, had intrinsic values of \$1,356,000 and \$796,000, respectively.

The weighted average fair value of options granted for each of the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, was \$2.26 and \$1.51, respectively.

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding as of December 31, 2014:

| Range of Exercise Price | Shares | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years) | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
|----------------------------|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| \$3.82 - \$4.90 | 60,666 | 3.91 | \$ 4.49 |
| \$5.55 - \$7.36 | 919,292 | 2.99 | \$ 6.28 |
| \$7.96 - \$10.38 | 138,100 | 5.50 | \$ 9.89 |
| \$3.82 - \$10.38 | 1,118,058 | 3.35 | \$ 6.63 |

A summary of stock-settled stock appreciation rights ("SARS") transactions during the two years ended December 31, 2014 follows:

| | No. of Shares | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Outstanding December 31, 2012 | 352,952 | \$ 5.80 |
| Granted | 119,432 | 5.65 |
| Exercised | (19,572) | 5.87 |
| Lapsed | - | - |
| Cancelled | - | - |
| Outstanding December 31, 2013 | 452,812 | \$ 5.76 |
| Granted | 137,382 | 7.36 |
| Exercised | (68,170) | 5.85 |
| Lapsed | - | - |
| Cancelled | - | - |
| Outstanding December 31, 2014 | 522,024 | \$ 6.17 |

At December 31, 2014, SARS outstanding, all of which were fully vested and exercisable, had an aggregate intrinsic value of \$4,446,000.

SARS exercised during the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, had intrinsic values of \$275,000 and \$36,000.

The weighted average fair value of SARS granted for each of the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$2.02 and \$1.49, respectively.

The following table summarizes information about SARS outstanding as of December 31, 2014:

| Range of Exercise Price | SARS | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years) | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
|----------------------------|---------|---|---------------------------------------|
| \$4.90 | 33,184 | 0.08 | \$ 4.90 |
| \$5.62 - \$7.36 | 488,840 | 2.49 | \$ 6.26 |

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|--------|---|--------|---------|------|---------|
| \$4.90 | - | \$7.36 | 522,024 | 2.34 | \$ 6.17 |
|--------|---|--------|---------|------|---------|

At December 31, shares available to issue as awards under the plan were 4,360,846 for 2014 and 4,968,562 for 2013. Options and SARS have never been repriced by the Company in any year.

The following table summarizes significant assumptions utilized to determine the fair value of share-based compensation awards:

| | SARS | Options | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|--|--|
| Exercise price | | | | |
| 2014 | \$ 7.36 | \$ 7.36-\$10.38 | | |
| 2013 | \$ 5.65 | \$ 5.65-\$5.88 | | |
| Market price | | | | |
| 2014 | \$ 7.36 | \$ 7.36-\$10.38 | | |
| 2013 | \$ 5.65 | \$ 5.65-\$5.88 | | |
| Risk free interest rate (1) | | | | |
| 2014 | 1.5 % | 1.5%-2.6 % | | |
| 2013 | 0.9 % | 0.9%-1.7 % | | |
| Expected award life (2) (in years) | 5 | 5-10 | | |
| Expected volatility (3) | | | | |
| 2014 | 42.5 % | 37.3%-42.5 % | | |
| 2013 | 46.0 % | 36.7%-46.0 % | | |
| Expected dividend yield (4) | | | | |
| 2014 | 3.7 % | 2.9%-3.7 % | | |
| 2013 | 4.8 % | 4.6%-4.8 % | | |

(1) The risk-free interest rate is based on the yield of a U.S. treasury bond with a similar maturity as the expected life of the awards.

(2) The expected life in years for awards granted was based on the historical exercise patterns experienced by the Company when the award is made.

(3) The determination of expected stock price volatility for awards granted in each of the two years ended December 31, was based on historical Superior common stock prices over a period commensurate with the expected life.

(4) The dividend yield assumption is based on the history and expectation of the Company's dividend payouts.

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company recognized \$1,175,000 and \$788,000, respectively, of pre-tax share-based compensation expense, related to options and SARs, recorded in selling and administrative expense in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income. These expenses were offset by \$120,000 and \$72,000, respectively, of deferred tax benefits for non-qualified share-based compensation.

On February 7, 2014, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approved a restricted stock grant under the terms of the 2013 Stock and Awards Plan of the Company to four members of senior management for a total of 100,000 shares. The fair value of the stock on the date of grant was \$7.36 per share for a total value of \$736,000. These shares are unvested at the time of grant and will vest if the executives are still employed by the Company on February 7, 2017. The shares are subject to accelerated vesting under certain circumstances as outlined in the 2013 Stock and Awards Plan. On November 7, 2014, the Board of Directors approved a restricted stock grant under the terms of the 2013 Stock and Awards Plan to the four independent members of the Board of Directors for a total of 6,016 shares. The fair value of the stock on the date of grant was \$11.96 per share for a total value of \$72,000. These shares are unvested at the time of grant and will vest if the directors are still serving on the Company's Board of Directors on November 7, 2017. The shares are subject to accelerated vesting under certain circumstances as outlined in the 2013 Stock and Awards Plan. Expense for each of these grants is being recognized over the service period. In 2014, the Company recognized approximately \$229,000 in expense associated with the grants.

As of December 31, 2014, the Company had \$579,000 of unrecognized compensation cost expected to be recognized in the future for prior share-based rewards.

During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company received \$1,855,000 and \$2,216,000, respectively, in cash from stock option exercises. Current tax benefits of \$263,000 and \$270,000, respectively, were recognized for these exercises. Additionally, during the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company received 20,560 shares of its common stock as payment for the issuance of 40,816 shares of its common stock related to the exercise of stock options.

NOTE 13 – Earnings Per Share:

The following table represents a reconciliation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| Net earnings used in the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share | \$ 11,349,000 | \$ 5,850,000 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - basic | 13,298,452 | 12,523,176 |
| Common stock equivalents | 566,246 | 164,032 |
| Total weighted average shares outstanding - diluted | 13,864,698 | 12,687,208 |
| Per Share Data: | | |
| Basic | | |
| Net earnings | \$0.85 | \$0.47 |
| Diluted | | |
| Net earnings | \$0.82 | \$0.46 |

Awards to purchase an average of 34,400 shares of common stock with a weighted average exercise price of \$10.03 per share were outstanding during 2014 but were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because the awards' exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the common shares. Awards to purchase an average of 451,112 shares of common stock with a weighted average exercise price of \$6.40 per share were outstanding during 2013 but were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because the awards' exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the common shares.

NOTE 14 – Accrued Expenses:

| | Year Ended December | |
|---|---------------------|-------------|
| | 31, | |
| | 2014 | 2013 |
| Salaries, wages, commissions and vacation pay | \$5,926,000 | \$5,607,000 |
| Accrued rebates | 1,273,000 | 826,000 |
| Other accrued expenses | 1,796,000 | 1,335,000 |
| | \$8,995,000 | \$7,768,000 |

NOTE 15 – Acquisition of Business:

On July 1, 2013, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of HPI Direct, Inc. (“HPI”). Since 1993, HPI has built a stellar reputation for quality and responsiveness as a privately owned company specializing in the design, manufacture and distribution of uniforms to major domestic retailers, foodservice chains, transportation and other service industries throughout the United States. HPI’s award-winning image apparel is worn by some of the most prestigious brands in the markets that they serve. The purchase price for the asset acquisition consisted of approximately \$32.5 million in cash, subject to adjustment and inclusive of the real estate purchase described below, the issuance of approximately 417,000 restricted shares of Superior’s common stock, the potential future payment of up to \$7.2 million in additional contingent consideration through 2017, and the assumption of certain liabilities of HPI. The transaction also included the acquisition of the corporate offices and warehouse distribution facility from an entity related to HPI.

Fair Value of Consideration Transferred

A summary of the purchase price is as follows:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Cash consideration at closing | \$32,483,000 |
| Restricted shares of Superior common stock issued | 1,555,000 |
| Total Consideration | \$34,038,000 |

Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed

The total purchase price was allocated to the acquired tangible and intangible assets and assumed liabilities of HPI based on their estimated fair values as of July 1, 2013. The excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed was allocated to goodwill.

The following table presents the allocation of the total fair value of consideration transferred, as shown above, to the acquired tangible and intangible assets and assumed liabilities of HPI based on their estimated fair values as of the closing date of the transaction:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Accounts receivable | \$4,672,000 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 1,096,000 |
| Inventories | 10,374,000 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 4,284,000 |
| Identifiable intangible assets | 18,900,000 |
| Goodwill | 4,135,000 |
| Total assets | \$43,461,000 |
| Other current liabilities | \$2,680,000 |
| Future contingent liabilities | 6,743,000 |
| Total liabilities | \$9,423,000 |

The Company recorded \$18,900,000 in identifiable intangibles at fair value, consisting of \$9,200,000 in acquired customer relationships, \$5,000,000 in non-compete agreements from the former owners of HPI, and \$4,700,000 for the acquired trade name.

At the closing of the acquisition, the estimated value for acquisition-related contingent consideration payable was \$6,743,000. The Company will continue to evaluate this liability for remeasurement at the end of each reporting period and any change will be recorded in the Company's consolidated statements of comprehensive income. The carrying amount of the liability may fluctuate significantly and actual amounts paid may be materially different from the estimated value of the liability.

Goodwill was calculated as the difference between the fair value of the consideration and the preliminary values assigned to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

The intangible assets associated with the customer relationships will be amortized for ten years beginning on July 1, 2013 and the non-compete agreement will be amortized for five years. The trade name is considered an indefinite-life asset and as such will not be amortized.

The Company recognized amortization expense on these acquired intangible assets of \$1,920,000 and \$960,000 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company incurred and expensed transaction related expenses of approximately \$995,000. This amount is included in selling and administrative expenses on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

Revenues and expenses of HPI Direct have been included in the consolidated financial statements beginning July 1, 2013.

Actual and Pro Forma Impact of the Transaction (Unaudited)

Net revenues and net income for HPI of \$21,052,000 and \$840,000, respectively, are included in the Company's consolidated statements of comprehensive income from the acquisition date, July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

The following table presents pro forma results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2013 and gives effect to the transaction as if it had been consummated on January 1, 2012. The unaudited pro forma results of operations have been prepared for comparative purposes only and are not necessarily indicative of what would have occurred had the acquisition been completed on January 1, 2012 or of the results that may occur in the future. Furthermore, the pro forma financial information does not reflect the impact of any reorganization or restructuring expenses or operating efficiencies resulting from combining the two companies.

| | Year ended 12/31/13 |
|---|------------------------|
| Net sales | \$ 168,838,000 |
| Income before taxes on income | 9,590,000 |
| Net income | \$6,565,000 |
| Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period | |
| (Basic) | 12,731,794 |
| (Diluted) | 12,895,826 |
| Per Share Data: | |
| Basic | |
| Net income | \$0.52 |
| Diluted | |
| Net income | \$0.51 |

NOTE 16 – Supplemental Cash Flow Information:

| | Year Ended December 31, | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| | 2014 | 2013 |
| Income taxes paid | \$5,274,000 | \$2,537,000 |
| Interest paid | \$466,000 | \$193,000 |

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company received 20,560 shares of its common stock as payment for the exercise of stock options for 40,816 shares.

NOTE 17 – Stock Repurchase Plan:

On August 1, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors approved an increase to the outstanding authorization under its common stock repurchase program to allow for the repurchase of 1,000,000 additional shares of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock. Under this program the Company reacquired and retired -0- shares and 26,422 shares of its common stock in the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, with approximate costs of -0-, and \$162,000, respectively. At December 31, 2014, the Company had 261,675 shares remaining on its common stock repurchase program. Shares purchased under the common stock repurchase program are constructively retired and returned to unissued status. The Company considers several factors in determining when to make share repurchases, including among other things, the cost of equity, the after-tax cost of borrowing, the debt to total capitalization targets and the expected future cash needs. There is no expiration date or other restriction governing the period over which the Company can make its share repurchases under the program.

NOTE 18 – Operating Segment Information:

The Company classifies its businesses into two operating segments based on the types of products and services provided. The Uniforms and Related Products segment consists of the sale of uniforms and related items. The Remote Staffing Solutions segment consists of sales of staffing solutions.

The Company evaluates the performance of each operating segment based on several factors of which the primary financial measures are operating segment net sales and earnings before income taxes. The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as those described in Note 1 entitled Significant Accounting Policies. Amounts for corporate expenses are included in the Uniforms and Related Products segment totals. Information related to the operations of the Company's operating segments is set forth below:

| | Uniforms and Related Products | Remote Staffing Solutions | Intersegment Eliminations | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Twelve Months Ended | | | | |
| <u>December 31, 2014</u> | | | | |
| Net sales | \$ 188,199,000 | \$ 11,424,000 | \$ (3,374,000) | \$ 196,249,000 |
| Gross margin | \$ 64,480,000 | \$ 6,487,000 | (2,230,000) | \$ 68,737,000 |
| Selling and administrative expenses | 48,924,000 | 4,030,000 | (2,230,000) | 50,724,000 |
| Interest expense | 484,000 | - | - | 484,000 |
| Income before taxes on income | \$ 15,072,000 | \$ 2,457,000 | \$ - | \$ 17,529,000 |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 3,581,000 | \$ 258,000 | \$ - | \$ 3,839,000 |
| Capital expenditures | \$ 2,187,000 | \$ 2,749,000 | \$ - | \$ 4,936,000 |
| Total assets | \$ 131,710,000 | \$ 9,797,000 | \$ (1,570,000) | \$ 139,937,000 |

| | Uniforms and Related Products | Remote Staffing Solutions | Intersegment Eliminations | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Twelve Months Ended | | | | |
| <u>December 31, 2013</u> | | | | |
| Net sales | \$ 145,846,000 | \$ 9,285,000 | \$ (3,635,000) | \$ 151,496,000 |
| Gross margin | \$ 49,252,000 | \$ 5,720,000 | (2,414,000) | \$ 52,558,000 |
| Selling and administrative expenses | 42,854,000 | 3,433,000 | (2,414,000) | 43,873,000 |
| Interest expense | 195,000 | - | - | 195,000 |
| Income before taxes on income | \$ 6,203,000 | \$ 2,287,000 | \$ - | \$ 8,490,000 |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 2,375,000 | \$ 207,000 | \$ - | \$ 2,582,000 |
| Capital expenditures | \$ 1,274,000 | \$ 357,000 | \$ - | \$ 1,631,000 |

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders

Superior Uniform Group, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Superior Uniform Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Superior Uniform Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ MAYER HOFFMAN MCCANN P.C.

Clearwater, Florida

February 26, 2015

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Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company conducted an evaluation, under supervision and with the participation of the Company's principal executive officer, Michael Benstock, and the Company's principal financial officer, Andrew D. Demott, Jr., of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report (the "Evaluation Date"). Based on such evaluation, the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information the Company is required to disclose in its filings with the SEC under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2014, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f). The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;

provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and

provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria set forth in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013). Based on this evaluation under the Internal Control – Integrated Framework, management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2014.

Item 9B. Other Information

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The Company's directors and executive officers as of December 31, 2014 are listed below:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

| | |
|------------------|--|
| | Chairperson of the Board. |
| Sidney Kirschner | |
| | Executive Vice President, Piedmont Healthcare |
| Michael Benstock | Chief Executive Officer |
| Alan D. Schwartz | President |
| Robin Hensley | President, Raising the Bar |
| Paul V. Mellini | Chief Executive Officer and President, Nature Coast Bank |
| Todd Siegel | Director |

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Michael Benstock | Chief Executive Officer |
| Alan D. Schwartz | President |
| Peter Benstock | Executive Vice President |
| Andrew D. Demott, Jr. | Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer |
| Jordan M. Alpert | Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary |

The Company has adopted a code of business conduct and ethics applicable to the Company's directors, officers (including the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer and controller) and employees, known as the Code of Business and Ethical Conduct (the "Code"). The Code is available on the Company's website. In the event that we amend or waive any of the provisions of the Code applicable to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, or controller that relates to any element of the code of ethics definition enumerated in Item 406(b) of Regulation S-K, we intend to disclose the same on the Company's website at www.superioruniformgroup.com.

The remaining information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement to be filed in connection with its 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement to be filed in connection with its 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table provides information about our common stock that may be issued upon the exercise of options, warrants, rights and restricted stock under all our existing equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2014, including the 2003 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan and the 2013 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan :

| Plan category | Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a) | Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b) | Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c) |
|--|--|--|--|
| Equity compensation Plans approved by Security holders | 1,640,082 | \$ 6.48 | 4,360,846 |
| Equity compensation Plans not approved by Security holders | - | - | - |
| Total | 1,640,082 | \$ 6.48 | 4,360,846 |

All other information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement to be filed in connection with its 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

The information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement to be filed in connection with its 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement to be filed in connection with its 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

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| (a) 1. Consolidated Financial Statements | |
| The following financial statements of Superior Uniform Group, Inc. are included in Part II, Item 8: | |
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| Consolidated statements of shareholders' equity and comprehensive income - years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 | 23 |
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| (a) 2. Financial Statement Schedules | |
| All schedules are omitted because they are not applicable, or not required, or because the required information is included in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto. | |
| (a) 3. Exhibits | |
| See Exhibit Index | |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

SUPERIOR UNIFORM GROUP, INC.

/s/ Michael Benstock_____

By: Michael Benstock

(Chief Executive Officer and Principal Executive Officer)

DATE: February 26, 2015

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ Michael Benstock_____

Michael Benstock, February 26, 2015

Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Andrew D. Demott, Jr.

Andrew D. Demott, Jr., February 26, 2015

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

(Principal Financial

Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

/s/ Sidney Kirschner

Sidney Kirschner, February 26, 2015

(Chairperson of the Board)

/s/ Alan D.
Schwartz

Alan Schwartz, February 26,
2015

(Director)

/s/ Paul Mellini

Paul Mellini, February 26, 2015

(Director)

/s/ Robin
Hensley

Robin Hensley, February 26,
2015

(Director)

/s/ Todd Siegel

Todd Siegel, February 26, 2015

(Director)

**SUPERIOR UNIFORM GROUP, INC.
EXHIBIT INDEX**

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|--------------------|---|
| 3.1 | Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Interim Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1998 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/98680627) and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 3.2 | Bylaws of the Registrant, as amended, filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Form 8-K filed on February 28, 2011 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/11645104) and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 10.1* | Form of Director/Officer Indemnification Agreement filed as Exhibit 10 to the Registrant's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/06821111), and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 10.2*(1) | Description of bonus plan for executive officers of the Registrant |
| 10.3 | 1994 Superior Surgical Mfg. Co., Inc. Supplemental Pension Plan as amended and restated on July 30, 2013, filed as Exhibit 10.3 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 2, 2013 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/131006163) and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 10.4 | 1994 Superior Surgical Mfg. Co., Inc. Supplemental Pension Plan as amended and restated on November 7, 2008, filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K (File/Film No.: 001-05869/09641805) and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 10.5* | 2003 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan of the Registrant filed as Exhibit 4 to the Registrant's June 6, 2003 Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File/Film No.: 333-105906/03735570), and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 10.6* | Form of [Incentive] Stock Option Award, filed as Exhibit 10.6 to the Registrant's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K (File/Film No.: 001-05869/09641805), and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 10.7* | Form of Stock Appreciation Right Award, filed as Exhibit 10.7 to the Registrant's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K (File/Film No.: 001-05869/09641805), and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 10.8* | Severance Protection Agreement with Michael Benstock, dated November 23, 2005, filed as Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 28, 2005 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/051228333) and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 10.9* | Severance Protection Agreement with Alan Schwartz, dated November 23, 2005, filed as Exhibit 99.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 28, 2005 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/051228333) and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 10.10* | Severance Protection Agreement with Peter Benstock, dated November 23, 2005, filed as Exhibit 99.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 28, 2005 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/051228333) and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 10.11* | Severance Protection Agreement with Andrew D. Demott, Jr., dated November 23, 2005, filed as Exhibit 99.4 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 28, 2005 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/051228333) and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 10.12* | Separation, General Release and Non-Compete Agreement with Gerald M. Benstock, dated December 17, |

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2012, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 21, 2012 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/121280661) and incorporated herein by reference.

10.13* 2013 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan of the Registrant filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 7, 2013 (File/ Film No.: 001-05869/13819069), and incorporated herein by reference.

10.14* Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement With Vesting Provisions, filed as Exhibit 10.2 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 7, 2013 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/13819069) and incorporated herein by reference.

10.15* Form of Stock Appreciation Rights Agreement, filed as Exhibit 10.3 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 7, 2013 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/13819069) and incorporated herein by reference.

10.16* Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Grant For Outside Directors, filed as Exhibit 10.4 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 7, 2013 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/13819069) and incorporated herein by reference.

10.17* Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement With Vesting Provisions, filed as Exhibit 10.5 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 7, 2013 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/13819069) and incorporated herein by reference.

10.18* Superior Uniform Group, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 2, 2013 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/131006163) and incorporated herein by reference.

10.19* Superior Uniform Group, Inc. Trust Agreement, filed as Exhibit 10.2 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 2, 2013 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/131006163) and incorporated herein by reference.

10.20 Renewal Revolving Line of Credit Promissory Note, dated July 1, 2013, executed by Superior Uniform Group, Inc. and Fifth Third Bank, filed as Exhibit 10.5 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2013 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/13989439) and incorporated herein by reference.

10.21 Term Loan Promissory Note, dated July 1, 2013, executed by Superior Uniform Group, Inc. and Fifth Third Bank, filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2013 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/13989439) and incorporated herein by reference.

10.22 Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated July 1, 2013, among Superior Uniform Group, Inc., Fifth Third Bank, and certain other parties thereto, filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2013 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/13989439) and incorporated herein by reference.

10.23 First Amendment and Waiver to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Other Loan Documents, dated October 22, 2013, among Superior Uniform Group, Inc., Fifth Third Bank, and certain other parties thereto, filed as Exhibit 10.23 to the Registrant's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K (File/Film No: 001-05869/1463555) and incorporated herein by reference.

- 10.24 Asset Purchase Agreement, dated July 1, 2013, among Superior Uniform Group, Inc., HPI Direct, Inc., Richard J. Sosebee, Kirby P. Sims, Jr. and Frederick L. Hill, III, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2013 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/13989439) and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10.25 Security Agreement, dated July 1, 2013, among Superior Uniform Group, Inc., Fifth Third Bank, and certain other parties thereto, filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2013 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/13989439) and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10.26 Real Estate Purchase Agreement, dated July 1, 2013, between Superior Uniform Group, Inc. and TAA Investments, LLC, filed as Exhibit 10.6 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2013 (File/Film No.: 001-05869/13989439) and incorporated herein by reference.
- 21.1⁽¹⁾ Subsidiaries of the Registrant.
- 23.1⁽¹⁾ Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm - Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.
- 31.1⁽¹⁾ Certification of Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/Rule 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 31.2⁽¹⁾ Certification of Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/Rule 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 32.1⁽¹⁾ Written Statement of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.
- 32.2⁽¹⁾ Written Statement of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.
- 101.INS**+ XBRL Instance Document.
- 101.SCH**+ XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
- 101.CAL**+ XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
- 101.DEF**+ XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase.
- 101.LAB**+ XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
- 101.PRE**+ XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.

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