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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2015

**OR**

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

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

Commission File Number: 1-11692

Ethan Allen Interiors Inc

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

06-1275288

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Ethan Allen Drive, Danbury, Connecticut

06811

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(203) 743-8000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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

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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 such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See 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 Exchange Act).  Yes  No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

At April 17, 2015, there were 28,948,784 shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01, outstanding.

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**PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Financial Statements**

**ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**Consolidated Balance Sheets**

**(In thousands)**

March 31, 2015

June 30, 2014

(Unaudited)

**ASSETS**

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents

\$ 58,436    \$ 109,176

Marketable securities

6,379 18,153

Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,292 at March 31, 2015 and \$1,442 at June 30, 2014

16,280 12,426

Inventories

154,933 146,275

Prepaid expenses and other current assets

29,315 19,599

Total current assets

265,343 305,629

Property, plant and equipment, net

283,531 288,156

Goodwill and other intangible assets

45,128 45,128

Restricted cash and investments

8,009 8,507

Other assets

7,027 7,014

Total assets

\$ 609,038 \$ 654,434

## **LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**

Current liabilities:

Current maturities of long-term debt

\$ 2,778 \$ 501

Customer deposits

66,630	59,684
Accounts payable	
18,900	24,320
Accrued compensation and benefits	
24,076	27,709
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	
24,169	23,833
Total current liabilities	
136,553	136,047
Long-term debt	
75,044	130,411
Other long-term liabilities	
21,318	20,509
Total liabilities	
232,915	286,967
Shareholders' equity:	
Class A common stock	
489	486
Additional paid-in-capital	
371,279	365,733
Less: Treasury stock (at cost)	
(591,908 )	(584,041 )
Retained earnings	
598,385	584,395
Accumulated other comprehensive income	



(2,386 ) 642

Total Ethan Allen Interiors Inc. shareholders' equity

375,859 367,215

Noncontrolling interests

264 252

Total shareholders' equity

376,123 367,467

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity

\$ 609,038 \$ 654,434

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)**

**(In thousands, except per share data)**

Three months ended

Nine months ended

March 31,

March 31,

2015

2014

2015

2014

Net sales

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\$ 173,259   \$ 173,061   \$ 561,032   \$ 547,824

Cost of sales

79,149   79,931   256,045   249,952

Gross profit

94,110   93,130   304,987   297,872

Selling, general and administrative expenses

84,884   83,578   257,631   252,526

Operating income

9,226   9,552   47,356   45,346

Interest and other income (expense)

(3,594 )   103   (3,362 )   228

Interest and other related financing costs

1,699   1,870   5,470   5,614

Income before income taxes

3,933   7,785   38,524   39,960

Income tax expense

1,397   2,527   14,071   14,113

Net income

\$ 2,536   \$ 5,258   \$ 24,453   \$ 25,847

Per share data:

Basic earnings per common share:

Net income per basic share

\$ 0.09   \$ 0.18   \$ 0.85   \$ 0.89

Basic weighted average common shares

28,925    28,920    28,927    28,916

Diluted earnings per common share:

Net income per diluted share

\$ 0.09    \$ 0.18    \$ 0.84    \$ 0.88

Diluted weighted average common shares

29,242    29,271    29,262    29,284

Comprehensive income:

Net income

\$ 2,536    \$ 5,258    \$ 24,453    \$ 25,847

Other comprehensive income

Currency translation adjustment

(972 )    142    (3,058 )    126

Other

29    31    67    91

Other comprehensive income (loss) net of tax

(943 )    173    (2,991 )    217

Comprehensive income

\$ 1,593    \$ 5,431    \$ 21,462    \$ 26,064

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)**

**(In thousands)**

Nine months ended      March 31,

2015

2014

**Operating activities:**

Net income

\$ 24,453    \$ 25,847

Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

Depreciation and amortization

14,214    13,276

Compensation expense related to share-based payment awards

945    990

Provision (benefit) for deferred income taxes

1,783    (1,382 )

Restructuring and impairment charge, net

784 -

Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment

2,858 2,164

Other

2,881 425

Change in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquired businesses:

Accounts receivable

(4,292 ) (3,726 )

Inventories

(8,053 ) (7,799 )

Prepaid and other current assets

(9,416 ) 613

Customer deposits

6,177 6,102

Accounts payable

(5,395 ) 1,112

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities

(4,491 ) 288

Other assets and liabilities

3 2,109

Net cash provided by operating activities

22,451 40,019

**Investing activities:**

Proceeds from the disposal of property, plant & equipment

6,849 2,667

Change in restricted cash and investments

498 6,526

Capital expenditures

(17,528 ) (12,588 )

Acquisitions

(1,991 ) -

Purchases of marketable securities

- (17,500 )

Sales of marketable securities

11,320 12,323

Other investing activities

129 253

Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities

(723 ) (8,319 )

**Financing activities:**

Borrowings on revolving credit and term loan facilities

75,000 -

Payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations

(133,459 ) (358 )

Purchases and retirements of company stock

(2,791 ) -

Payment of cash dividends

(9,864 ) (8,399 )

Payment of deferred financing costs

(1,456) -

Other financing activities

687 314

Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities

(71,883) (8,443)

Effect of exchange rate changes on cash

(585) (54)

Net increase (decrease) in cash & cash equivalents

(50,740) 23,203

Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period

109,176 72,601

Cash & cash equivalents at end of period

\$ 58,436 \$ 95,804

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



**ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity**

**Nine Months Ended March 31, 2015**

**(Unaudited)**

**(In thousands)**

Accumulated

Additional

Other

Non-

Common

Paid-in

Treasury

Comprehensive

Retained

Controlling

Stock

Capital

Stock

Income

Earnings

Interests

Total

Balance at June 30, 2014

\$ 486	\$ 365,733	\$ (584,041 )	\$ 642	\$ 584,395	\$ 252	\$ 367,467
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Stock issued on share-based awards

3	4,112	-	-	-	-	4,115
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Compensation expense associated with share-based awards

-	945	-	-	-	-	945
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Tax benefit associated with exercise of share based awards

- 489 - - - - 489

Purchase/retirement of company stock

- - (7,867) - - - (7,867)

Dividends declared on common stock

- - - - (10,463) - (10,463)

Capital distribution

- - - - - (25) (25)

Comprehensive income

- - - (3,028) 24,453 37 21,462

Balance at March 31, 2015

\$ 489 \$ 371,279 \$ (591,908) \$ (2,386) \$ 598,385 \$ 264 \$ 376,123

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

## **ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)**

**(1)**

#### **Basis of Presentation**

Ethan Allen Interiors Inc. ("Interiors") is a Delaware corporation incorporated on May 25, 1989. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Interiors, its wholly owned subsidiary Ethan Allen Global, Inc. ("Global"), and Global's subsidiaries (collectively "we", "us", "our", "Ethan Allen", or the "Company"). All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements. All of Global's capital stock is owned by Interiors, which has no assets or operating results other than those associated with its investment in Global.

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which 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 consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Due to the inherent uncertainty involved in making those estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates. Areas in which significant estimates have been made include, but are not limited to, revenue recognition, the allowance for doubtful accounts receivable, inventory obsolescence, tax valuation allowances, useful lives for property, plant and equipment and definite-lived intangible assets, goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment analyses, the evaluation of uncertain tax positions and the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business combinations.

Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of an entity in which we are a majority shareholder and have the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the entity's performance. Noncontrolling interest amounts in the entity are immaterial and included in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income within interest and other income (expense).

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#### **Interim Financial Presentation**

In our opinion, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments necessary for fair presentation, have been included in the consolidated financial statements. The results of operations for the three and nine months ended

March 31, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for the entire fiscal year. The interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2014.

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### **Income Taxes**

The Company reviews its expected annual effective income tax rates and makes changes on a quarterly basis as necessary based on certain factors such as changes in forecasted annual operating income; changes to actual or forecasted permanent book to tax differences; impacts from future tax audits with state, federal or foreign tax authorities; impacts from tax law changes; or change in judgment as to the realizability of deferred tax assets. The Company identifies items which are not normal and are non-recurring in nature and treats these as discrete events. The tax effect of discrete items is recorded in the quarter in which the discrete events occur. Due to the volatility of these factors, the Company's consolidated effective income tax rate can change significantly on a quarterly basis.

The Company conducts business globally and, as a result, the Company or one or more of its subsidiaries files income tax returns in the U.S., various state, and foreign jurisdictions. In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to examination in such domestic and foreign jurisdictions. As of March 31, 2015, the Company and certain subsidiaries are currently under audit in the U.S. from 2008 through 2013. While the amount of uncertain tax benefits with respect to the entities and years under audit may change within the next twelve months, it is not anticipated that any of the changes will be significant. It is reasonably possible that some of these audits may be completed during the next twelve months. It is reasonable to expect that various issues relating to uncertain tax benefits will be resolved within the next twelve months as exams are completed or as statutes expire and will impact the effective tax rate.

The Company's consolidated effective tax rate was 35.5% and 36.5% for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2015, and 32.5% and 35.3% for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2014, respectively. The current year effective tax rate primarily includes tax expense on the current year net income, and tax and interest expense on uncertain tax positions. The prior year effective tax rate primarily includes the tax expense on that year's net income, interest expense on uncertain tax positions, and the impact of maintaining valuation allowances on certain retail segment deferred tax assets, partly offset by the reversal and recognition of some uncertain tax positions.

## **ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)**

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#### **Restricted Cash and Investments**

At March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2014, we held \$8.0 million and \$8.5 million respectively, of restricted cash and investments in lieu of providing letters of credit for the benefit of the provider of our workmen's compensation insurance and other insurance. These funds can be invested in high quality money market mutual funds, U.S. Treasuries and U.S. Government agency fixed income instruments, and cannot be withdrawn without the prior written consent of the secured party. These assets are carried at cost, which approximates market value and are classified as long-term assets because they are not expected to be used within one year to fund operations. See also Note 12, "Fair Value Measurements".

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#### **Marketable Securities**

At March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2014, the Company held marketable securities of \$6.4 million and \$18.2 million respectively, classified as current assets, consisting of U.S. municipal bonds with maturities ranging from less than one year to less than two years, which were rated A+/A2 or better by the rating services Standard & Poors ("S&P") and Moodys Investors Service ("Moodys") respectively. There were no material realized or unrealized gains or losses for the three or nine months ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014. We do not believe there are any impairments considered to be other than temporary at March 31, 2015. See also Note 12, "Fair Value Measurements".

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#### **Inventories**

Inventories at March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2014 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

March 31,

June 30,

2015

2014

Finished goods

\$ 120,399    \$ 116,377

Work in process

10,831    8,355

Raw materials

26,692    24,347

Valuation allowance

(2,989 )    (2,804 )    \$ 154,933    \$ 146,275

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**Borrowings**

Total debt obligations at March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2014 consist of the following (in thousands):

March 31,

June 30,

2015

2014

Revolving Credit Facility due 10/21/2019

\$ 40,000    \$ -

Term Loan due 10/21/2019

35,000    -

5.375% Senior Notes due 2015

-    129,255

Capital leases

2,822    1,657

Total debt

77,822    130,912

Less current maturities

2,778    501

Total long-term

\$ 75,044    \$ 130,411

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## ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

### Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

In September 2005, we issued \$200.0 million in ten-year senior unsecured notes due October 1, 2015 (the "Senior Notes"). The Senior Notes were issued by Global, bearing an annual coupon rate of 5.375% with interest payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1. We have used the net proceeds of \$198.4 million to improve our retail network, invest in our manufacturing and logistics operations, and for other general corporate purposes. In fiscal years 2011 through 2013, the Company repurchased an aggregate \$70.6 million of the Senior Notes in several unsolicited transactions. On March 18, 2015, we repaid the remaining balance of \$129.4 million, accrued interest of \$3.2 million, and a "make whole" payment of \$3.5 million, funded with \$61.1 million from the Company's existing cash balances, and \$75 million from our senior secured revolving credit and term loan facility. In connection with this early redemption, the Company incurred a \$3.7 million pre-tax charge, consisting of the "make whole" payment along with unamortized balances of bond discount and other costs. This charge is classified within the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income under Interest and Other Income (Expense).

The Company entered into a five year, \$150 million senior secured revolving credit and term loan facility on October 21, 2014, as amended January 28, 2015 (the "Facility"). The Facility amended and restated the previous five-year, \$50 million secured revolving credit facility in its entirety. The Facility, which expires on October 21, 2019, provides a term loan of up to \$35 million and a revolving credit line of up to \$115 million, subject to borrowing base availability. During March 2015, we requested \$35 million of the term loan and \$40 million of the revolving credit line be paid directly to the trustee, and along with our available cash we fully redeemed our Senior Notes. We classified the term loan and revolving credit borrowings as both a source and use of cash from financing activities. We also incurred financing costs of \$1.5 million under the Facility, which are being amortized by the straight-line method, which approximates the interest method, over the remaining life of the Facility.

At the Company's option, revolving loans under the Facility bear interest, based on the average availability, at an annual rate of either (a) the London Interbank Offered rate ("LIBOR") plus 1.5% to 1.75%, or (b) the higher of (i) the prime rate, (ii) the federal funds effective rate plus 0.50%, or (iii) LIBOR plus 1.0% plus in each case 0.5% to 0.75%. At March 31, 2015 the annual interest rate in effect on the revolving loan was 1.8125%.

At the Company's option, term loans under the Facility bear interest, based on the Company's rent adjusted leverage ratio, at an annual rate of either (a) the London Interbank Offered rate ("LIBOR") plus 1.75% to 2.25%, or (b) the higher of (i) the prime rate, (ii) the federal funds effective rate plus 0.50%, or (iii) LIBOR plus 1.0% plus in each case 0.75% to 1.25%. At March 31, 2015 the annual interest rate in effect on the term loan was 1.9375%.

The Company pays a commitment fee of 0.15% to 0.25% per annum on the unused portion of the Facility, and fees on issued letters of credit at an annual rate of 1.5% to 1.75% based on the average availability. Certain payments are

restricted if the availability under the revolving credit line falls below 20% of the total revolving credit line, and the Company is subject to pro forma compliance with the fixed charge coverage ratio if applicable.

Quarterly installments of principal on the term loan are payable based on a straight line 15 year amortization period, with the balance due at maturity. The Company does not expect to repay the revolving credit portion of the Facility within the next year.

The Facility is secured by all property owned, leased or operated by the Company in the United States and includes certain real property owned by the Company and contains customary covenants which may limit the Company's ability to incur debt; engage in mergers and consolidations; make restricted payments (including dividends); sell certain assets; and make investments.

The Company must maintain at all times a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.0 to 1.0 for the first year and 1.1 to 1.0 all times thereafter. If the outstanding term loans are less than \$17.5 million and the fixed charge coverage ratio equals or exceeds 1.25 to 1.0, the fixed charge coverage ratio ceases to apply and thereafter shall only be triggered if average monthly availability is less than 15% of the amount of the revolving credit line. Our applicable fixed charge coverage ratio was 1.3 to 1.0 at March 31, 2015.

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The Company intends to use the Facility for working capital and general corporate purposes, in addition to the refinancing of our Senior Notes which occurred in March 2015. At March 31, 2015, there was \$0.2 million of standby letters of credit outstanding under the Facility and total availability under the Facility of \$74.8 million.

The Facility replaced a \$50 million senior secured, asset-based revolving credit facility (the “Prior Facility”) which was in effect on June 30, 2014, and which would have expired March 25, 2016, or June 26, 2015 if the Senior Notes had not been refinanced prior to that date. At June 30, 2014, there was \$0.6 million of standby letters of credit outstanding under the Prior Facility. The Prior Facility was secured by all property owned, leased or operated by the Company in the United States excluding any real property owned by the Company and contained customary covenants limiting the Company’s ability to incur debt, engage in mergers and consolidations, make restricted payments (including dividends), sell certain assets, and make investments. Remaining availability under the Prior Facility totaled \$49.4 million at June 30, 2014 and as a result, covenants and other restricted payment limitations did not apply.

At both March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2014, we were in compliance with all covenants of the Senior Notes and the credit facilities.

The following table summarizes, as of March 31, 2015, the timing of cash payments related to our outstanding long-term debt obligations for the remaining three months of fiscal 2015, and each of the five fiscal years subsequent to June 30, 2015, and thereafter (in thousands).

Periods ending June 30,

2015

\$ 252

2016

3,341

2017

3,304
2018
2,816
2019
2,396
2020
2,380
2021 and thereafter
63,333
Total scheduled debt payments
\$ 77,822

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### **Litigation**

We are routinely involved in various investigations or as a defendant in litigation, in the ordinary course of business. We are also subject to various federal, state and local environmental protection laws and regulations and are involved, from time to time, in investigations and proceedings regarding environmental matters. Such investigations and proceedings typically concern air emissions, water discharges, and/or management of solid and hazardous wastes. Under these laws, we and/or our subsidiaries are, or may be, required to remove or mitigate the effects on the environment of the disposal or release of certain hazardous materials.

Regulations issued under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 required the industry to reformulate certain furniture finishes or institute process changes to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds. Compliance with many of these requirements has been facilitated through the introduction of high solids coating technology and alternative formulations. In addition, we have instituted a variety of technical and procedural controls, including reformulation of finishing materials to reduce toxicity, implementation of high velocity low pressure spray systems, development of storm water protection plans and controls, and further development of related inspection/audit teams, all of which have served to reduce emissions per unit of production. We remain committed to implementing new waste minimization programs and/or enhancing existing programs with the objective of (i) reducing the total volume of waste, (ii) limiting the liability associated with waste disposal, and (iii) continuously improving environmental and job safety programs on the factory floor which serve to minimize emissions and safety risks for employees. We will continue to evaluate the most appropriate, cost effective, control technologies for finishing operations and design production methods to reduce the use of hazardous materials in the manufacturing process. We believe that our facilities are in material compliance with all such applicable laws and regulations. Our currently anticipated capital

expenditures for environmental control facility matters are not material.

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Although the outcome of the various claims and proceedings against us cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes that the likelihood is remote that any existing claims or proceedings will have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

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**Share-Based Compensation**

All options are issued at the closing stock price on each grant date, and have a contractual term of 10 years. A summary of stock option activity occurring during the nine months ended March 31, 2015 is presented below:

Options

Shares

Outstanding - June 30, 2014

1,323,376

Granted

26,316

Exercised

(306,716 )

Canceled (forfeited/expired)

(212,625 )

Outstanding - March 31, 2015

830,351

Exercisable - March 31, 2015

500,777

At March 31, 2015, there were 1,547,187 shares of common stock available for future issuance pursuant to the 1992 Stock Option Plan.

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**Earnings Per Share**

Basic and diluted earnings per share are calculated using the following weighted average share data (in thousands):

Three months ended

Nine months ended

March 31,

March 31,

2015

2014

2015

2014

Weighted average common shares outstanding for basic calculation

28,925	28,920	28,927	28,916
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Effect of dilutive stock options and other share-based awards

317	351	335	368
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Weighted average common shares outstanding adjusted for dilution calculation

29,242	29,271	29,262	29,284
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As of March 31, 2015 and 2014, stock options to purchase 422,658 and 620,392 common shares, respectively, were excluded from the respective diluted earnings per share calculations because their impact was anti-dilutive.

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**ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)**

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**Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income**

The following table sets forth the activity in accumulated other comprehensive income for the year to date period ended March 31, 2015 (in thousands):

Foreign

Unrealized

currency

gains and

translation

Derivative

losses on

adjustments

instruments

investments

Total

Balance June 30, 2014

\$ 670   \$ (39)   \$ 11   \$ 642

Changes before reclassifications

\$ (3,058)   \$ -   \$ (9)   \$ (3,067)

Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income

\$ -   \$ 39   \$ -   \$ 39

Current period other comprehensive income

\$ (3,058)   \$ 39   \$ (9)   \$ (3,028)

Balance March 31, 2015

\$ (2,388)   \$ -   \$ 2   \$ (2,386)

Foreign currency translation adjustments are the result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates related to our operations in Canada, Belgium, Honduras, and Mexico, and exclude income taxes given that the earnings of non-U.S. subsidiaries are deemed to be reinvested for an indefinite time. The derivative instruments were reclassified to other income (expense) in our consolidated statements of operations in the quarter ended March 31, 2015 due to the extinguishment of our Senior Notes.

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### Fair Value Measurements

We determine fair value as the price that would be received upon sale of an asset or paid upon transfer of a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date and in the principal or most advantageous

market for that asset or liability. The fair value is calculated based on assumptions that market participants use in pricing the asset or liability, and not on assumptions specific to the Company. In addition, the fair value of liabilities includes consideration of non-performance risk including our own credit risk. Each fair value measurement is reported in one of three levels, determined by the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. These levels are:

Level 1 Inputs are based upon unadjusted quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets.

Level 2 Inputs are based upon quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 Inputs are generally unobservable and typically reflect management's estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. The fair values are therefore determined using model-based techniques that include option pricing models, discounted cash flow models, and similar techniques.

The following section describes the valuation methodologies we use to measure different financial assets and liabilities at fair value.

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*Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis*

The following table presents our assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2014 (in thousands):

March 31, 2015

Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

Balance

Cash equivalents

\$ 66,445    \$ -    \$ -    \$ 66,445

Available-for-sale securities

-    6,379    -    6,379

Total

\$ 66,445    \$ 6,379    \$ -    \$ 72,824

June 30, 2014

Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

Balance

Cash equivalents

\$ 117,683	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 117,683
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Available-for-sale securities

-	18,153	-	18,153
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Total

\$ 117,683	\$ 18,153	\$ -	\$ 135,836
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Cash equivalents consist of money market accounts and mutual funds in U.S. government and agency fixed income securities. We use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities to determine fair value. There were no transfers between level 1 and level 2 during the first nine months of fiscal 2015 or fiscal 2014. At March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2014, \$8.0 million and \$8.5 million, respectively, of the cash equivalents were restricted, and classified as long-term assets.

At March 31, 2015, available-for-sale securities consist of \$6.4 million in U.S. municipal bonds, and at June 30, 2014, available-for-sale securities consisted of \$18.2 million in U.S. municipal bonds. The bonds are rated A+/A2 or better by S&P and Moodys, respectively. As of March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2014, there were no material gross unrealized gains or losses on available-for-sale securities.

As of March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2014, the contractual maturities of our available-for-sale securities were as follows:

March 31, 2015

Cost

Estimated Fair Value

Due in one year or less

\$ 6,582    \$ 6,379

Due after one year through five years

\$ -    \$ -

June 30, 2014

Cost

Estimated Fair Value

Due in one year or less

\$ 16,049    \$ 15,863

Due after one year through five years

\$ 2,296    \$ 2,290

No investments have been in a continuous loss position for more than one year, and no other-than-temporary impairments were recognized. See also Note 4, "Restricted Cash and Investments" and Note 5, "Marketable Securities".

*Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Non-recurring Basis*

We measure certain assets at fair value on a non-recurring basis. These assets are recognized at fair value when they are deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired. During the nine months ended March 31, 2014, we did not record any other-than-temporary impairments on those assets required to be measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis. During the third quarter of fiscal 2015, we determined that certain long-lived assets of our retail design centers in Belgium were impaired, and an impairment charge of \$0.8 million was recorded. The Company's decision during the quarter to exit the lease in Brussels led to our re-evaluation of the future cash flows of that asset group over a shorter useful life than previously expected.

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#### **Segment Information**

Our operations are classified into two operating segments: wholesale and retail. These operating segments represent strategic business areas of our vertically integrated business which, although they operate separately and provide their own distinctive services, enable us to more efficiently control the quality and cost of our complete line of home furnishings and accents.

The wholesale segment is principally involved in the development of the Ethan Allen brand, which encompasses the design, manufacture, domestic and offshore sourcing, sale and distribution of a full range of home furnishings and accents to a network of independently operated and Ethan Allen operated design centers as well as related marketing and brand awareness efforts. Wholesale revenue is generated upon the wholesale sale and shipment of our product to all retail design centers, including those operated by Ethan Allen.

The retail segment sells home furnishings and accents to consumers through a network of Company operated design centers. Retail revenue is generated upon the retail sale and delivery of our product to our customers.

Inter-segment eliminations result, primarily, from the wholesale sale of inventory to the retail segment, including the related profit margin.

We evaluate performance of the respective segments based upon revenues and operating income. While the manner in which our home furnishings and accessories are marketed and sold is consistent, the nature of the underlying recorded sales (i.e. wholesale versus retail) and the specific services that each operating segment provides (i.e. wholesale manufacturing, sourcing, and distribution versus retail selling) are different. Within the wholesale segment, we maintain revenue information according to each respective product line (i.e. case goods, upholstery, or home accents and other). The allocation of retail sales by product line is reasonably similar to that of the wholesale segment. A breakdown of wholesale sales by these product lines for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 is provided as follows:



Three months ended

Nine months ended

March 31,

March 31,

2015

2014

2015

2014

Case Goods

35 % 38 % 34 % 35 %

Upholstered Products

48 % 46 % 48 % 48 %

Home Accents and Other

17 % 16 % 18 % 17 % 100 % 100 % 100 % 100 %

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Segment information for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 is provided below (in thousands):

Three months ended

Nine months ended

March 31,

March 31,

2015

2014

2015

2014

**Net sales:**

Wholesale segment

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\$ 112,265   \$ 111,143   \$ 353,075   \$ 337,474

Retail segment

129,460   131,813   427,710   425,136

Elimination of inter-company sales

(68,466 )   (69,895 )   (219,753 )   (214,786 )

Consolidated Total

\$ 173,259   \$ 173,061   \$ 561,032   \$ 547,824

**Operating income:**

Wholesale segment

\$ 14,450   \$ 13,009   \$ 49,147   \$ 43,507

Retail segment

(5,126 )   (1,591 )   (411 )   2,411

Adjustment of inter-company profit (1)

(98 )   (1,866 )   (1,380 )   (572 )

Consolidated Total

\$ 9,226   \$ 9,552   \$ 47,356   \$ 45,346

**Depreciation & Amortization:**

Wholesale segment

\$ 1,942   \$ 2,018   \$ 6,031   \$ 5,824

Retail segment

2,878   2,559   8,183   7,452

Consolidated Total

\$ 4,820   \$ 4,577   \$ 14,214   \$ 13,276

**Capital expenditures:**

Wholesale segment

\$ 1,349    \$ 1,991    \$ 8,358    \$ 6,483

Retail segment

3,064    2,039    9,170    6,105

Acquisitions

-    -    1,991    -

Consolidated Total

\$ 4,413    \$ 4,030    \$ 19,519    \$ 12,588

March 31,

June 30,

2015

2014

**Total Assets:**

Wholesale segment

\$ 282,521    \$ 339,271

Retail segment

356,921    344,025

Inventory profit elimination (2)

(30,404 ) (28,862 )

Consolidated Total

\$ 609,038 \$ 654,434

(1)

Represents the change in wholesale profit contained in the retail segment inventory at the end of the period.

(2)

Represents the wholesale profit contained in the retail segment inventory that has not yet been realized. These profits are realized when the related inventory is sold.

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

On April 7, 2015 the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. The new standard will classify debt issuance costs as a deduction from the debt liability. Currently these costs are classified as assets. There will be no effect on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income upon adoption of the ASU. The ASU is effective for the Company beginning in July 2016, and early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the effect on the Company's financial statements.

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#### **Subsequent Events**

On April 13, 2015 the Board of Directors added two million shares to its authorization to repurchase common stock. The maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under our publicly announced repurchase program is 2,997,724 shares.

#### **Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following discussion of financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with (i) our Consolidated Financial Statements, and notes thereto, included in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and (ii) our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2014.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations and other sections of this Quarterly Report contain forward-looking statements relating to our future results. Such forward-looking statements are identified by use of forward-looking words such as "anticipates", "believes", "plans", "estimates", "expects", and "intends" or words or phrases of similar expression. These forward-looking statements are subject to management decisions and various assumptions, risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to: the potential effects of natural disasters affecting our suppliers or trading partners; the effects of labor strikes; weather conditions that may affect sales; volatility in fuel, utility, transportation and security costs; changes in global or regional political or economic conditions, including changes in governmental and central bank policies; changes in business conditions in the furniture industry, including changes in consumer spending patterns and demand for home furnishings; effects of our brand awareness and marketing programs, including changes in demand for our existing and new products; our ability to locate new design center sites and/or negotiate favorable lease terms for additional design centers or for the expansion of existing design centers; competitive factors, including changes in products or marketing efforts of others; pricing pressures; fluctuations in interest rates and the cost, availability and quality of raw materials; the effects of terrorist attacks or conflicts or wars involving the United States or its allies or trading partners; those matters discussed in Items 1A and 7A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2014 and in our SEC filings; and our future decisions. Accordingly, actual circumstances and results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements.

## **Critical Accounting Policies**

The Company's consolidated financial statements are based on the accounting policies used. Certain accounting policies require that estimates and assumptions be made by management for use in the preparation of the financial statements. Critical accounting policies are those that are central to the presentation of the Company's financial condition and results and that require subjective or complex estimates by management. There have been no material changes with respect to the Company's critical accounting policies from those disclosed in its 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on August 15, 2014.

## **Overview**

We are a leading interior design company and manufacturer and retailer of quality home furnishings. Founded over 80 years ago, today we're a leading international home fashion brand doing business in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. We are vertically integrated from design through delivery, affording our clientele a value equation of style, quality and price that is unique to the industry. We offer complementary interior design service to our clients and sell a full range of furniture products and decorative accents through ethanallen.com and a network of approximately 300 design centers in the United States and abroad. The design centers represent a mix of independent licensees and our own Company operated retail segment. We own and operate eight manufacturing plants including five manufacturing plants and one sawmill in the United States and a manufacturing plant in each of Mexico and Honduras.

Our business model is to maintain continued focus on (i) getting our messages across with strong advertising and marketing campaigns, (ii) capitalizing on the strength of our interior design professionals and management in our retail business, (iii) investing in new technologies across key aspects of our vertically integrated business, and (iv) leveraging the benefits of our vertical integration by maintaining our North American manufacturing capacity where we manufacture approximately 70% of our products.

Our competitive advantages arise from:

providing fashionable high quality products of the finest craftsmanship,

offering complimentary design service through an estimated 2,000 motivated interior design professionals network-wide, which we believe makes us the world's leading interior design network,

our wide array of custom product offerings across our upholstery, case goods, and accent product categories,

enhancing our technology in all aspects of the business, and



leveraging our vertically integrated structure.

We continue to make considerable investments to strengthen the level of service, professionalism, and interior design competence, as well as to improve the efficiency of our retail operations. We believe that over time, we will continue to benefit from (i) continuous repositioning of our retail network, (ii) frequent new product introductions, (iii) new and innovative marketing promotions and effective use of targeted advertising media, and (iv) continued use of the latest technology coupled with personal service from our interior design professionals. We believe our network of professionally trained interior design professionals differentiates us significantly from others in our industry.

## Results of Operations

In the third quarter of fiscal 2015, consolidated net sales of \$173.3 million increased 0.1% compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2014. During the same period, consolidated operating margin decreased to 5.3% from 5.5%, and net income decreased to \$0.09 from \$0.18 per diluted share. We continued in the third quarter implementing many initiatives as we undergo a major transition to new products and merchandising programs across the enterprise. We also experienced the impact during this third quarter from the inclement weather, especially in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic regions. The continued strengthening of the U.S. dollar over the Canadian dollar and euro had a negative impact on sales in our retail segment.

During each quarter this fiscal year, our retail segment had significantly more clearance sales than in the comparable prior year period as we sell off floor samples at a discount to make room for the newly designed products, which impacted both retail sales and gross margin. We anticipate higher clearance sales to continue for the next two quarters as we make room for the second and third phases of the product refresh that began in the first half of fiscal 2015. The gross margin of our wholesale segment improved over the second quarter of fiscal 2015 as we increased our efficiency in manufacturing the newly designed products in our North American workshops.

During the third quarter of fiscal 2015 we reduced the future carrying cost of our debt substantially by extinguishing our \$129.4 million face value of 5.375% Senior Notes, funded by drawing \$75.0 million from our credit facility, and using cash from operations for the balance. During the quarter we also repurchased 103,766 shares of our common stock for approximately \$2.8 million.

Comparing the third quarters of fiscal 2015 and fiscal 2014, net sales decreased by 1.8% in our retail segment, and increased by 1.0% in our wholesale segment. The ratio of retail segment net sales to consolidated net sales for the third quarter was 74.7% compared to 76.2%. The consolidated gross margin was 54.3% for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to 53.8%, and operating expenses as a percentage of total net sales was 49.0% in the third quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to 48.3%.



Written orders booked by the retail segment in the third quarter of fiscal 2015 decreased by 0.7% as compared to the same quarter of fiscal 2014, and though we are receiving positive consumer response to our new product offerings, it was not enough to offset greater clearance sales than in the prior year and negative impact from the weather, especially in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic regions where we have a heavier concentration of retail design centers. Comparable written orders decreased by 0.4% in the third quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to the same quarter of fiscal 2014. We operate eight design centers in Canada and Europe, and the strengthening of the U.S. dollar to the Canadian dollar and euro resulted in an average decrease for the retail segment of 0.7% in net sales and written orders, and a 0.6% decrease in comparable orders during the quarter.

We measure the performance of our retail design centers based on net sales and written orders booked on a comparable period to period basis. Comparable design centers are those which have been operating for at least 15 months. Minimal net sales derived from the delivery of customer ordered product are generated during the first three months of operations of newly opened (including relocated) design centers. Design centers acquired by us from independent retailers are included in comparable design center sales in their 13th full month of Ethan Allen-owned operations. The frequency of our promotional events as well as the timing of the end of those events can impact the orders booked during a given quarter. Our international net sales are comprised of our wholesale segment sales to independent retailers and our retail segment sales to consumers through the Company operated Design Centers. International net sales as a percent of our consolidated net sales were 13.6% for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 and 11.5% for the comparable prior year period. The following tables show selected Design Center location information.

Year-to-date Fiscal 2015

Year-to-date Fiscal 2014

Independent retailers

Company-operated

Total

Independent retailers

Company-operated

Total

Retail Design Center location activity:

Balance at beginning of period

152	143	295	148	147	295
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New locations

17	3	20	9	9	18
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Closures

(12)	(4)	(16)	(6)	(11)	(17)
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Transfers

(2)	2	-	-	-	-
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Balance at end of period

155	144	299	151	145	296
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Relocations (in new and closures)

6	2	8	-	6	6
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Retail Design Center geographic locations:

United States

58	136	194	61	137	198
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International

97	8	105	90	8	98
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Total

155 144 299 151 145 296

*Third Quarter Ended March 31, 2015 Compared to Third Quarter Ended March 31, 2014*

**Consolidated net sales** for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 increased 0.1% to \$173.3 million from \$173.1 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2014. Net sales increased in our wholesale segment and decreased in our retail segment.

**Wholesale net sales** for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 increased 1.0% to \$112.3 million from \$111.1 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2014. We benefited this fiscal year from new products, improved pricing, and four additional independent retailer Design Centers.

**Retail net sales** from the Company's retail segment for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 decreased 1.8% to \$129.5 million from \$131.8 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2014. This was partly due to our increased clearance sales, and by a net reduction of one Design Center from one year ago. We were also negatively impacted by severe winter weather in our Northeast and mid-Atlantic regions. Our written business (new orders booked) in the third quarter of fiscal 2015 decreased 0.7% while comparable design center written business decreased 0.4% compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2014. At March 31, 2015, the retail undelivered backlog was 1.4% higher than a year ago.

**Gross profit** was \$94.1 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2015, slightly up from \$93.1 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2014 with growth in our wholesale segment partly offset by our retail segment. Consolidated gross margin for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 was 54.3%, up from 53.8% for the third quarter of fiscal 2014. The sales increase led to gross profit improvement in our wholesale segment, partly offset by continued clearance sales in our retail segment and a lower proportion of retail segment net sales to our consolidated net sales. There was a higher deferral of intercompany profit in the prior year, due to a higher increase of inventory in the prior year than in the current year, which also contributed to a higher consolidated gross margin in the current fiscal year.

**Operating expenses** for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 increased \$1.3 million, or 1.6%, to \$84.9 million from \$83.6 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2014 due primarily to administrative cost increases related to the addition of retail management and designers, and costs associated with the new product launch, and an asset impairment, partly offset by a reduction in losses on the sale of real estate.

**Operating income and profit margin** for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 was \$9.2 million, or 5.3% of net sales, a decrease of \$0.3 million, or 3.4%, from \$9.6 million, or 5.5% of net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2014.

**Wholesale operating income** for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 was \$14.5 million, or 12.9% of sales, compared to \$13.0 million, or 11.7% of sales, for the third quarter of fiscal 2014, increasing largely due to some improvement in sales.

**Retail operating loss** for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 was \$5.2 million, or 4.0% of sales, compared to a loss of \$1.6 million, or 1.2% of sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2014, with a lower operating margin driven primarily by lower gross margin due to lower sales, increased clearance product discounts associated with the new product launch, increased operating expenses including an asset impairment, partly offset by a reduction in losses on the sale of real estate.

**Interest and other income (expense)** in the current quarter included a loss on the early extinguishment of our Senior Notes in March 2015 of \$3.7 million, which consisted of a \$3.5 million “make whole” payment, and the write-off of unamortized balances of original issue discount, deferred financing fees and derivative instruments for the balance.

**Interest and other related financing costs** were approximately \$0.2 million lower in the third quarter of fiscal 2015 than in the third quarter of fiscal 2014. The early extinguishment of our Senior Notes reduced the amount of interest beginning March 18, 2015. Interest expense on the Senior Notes had been \$1.8 million per quarter, or 5.7% annually on the face value of the Senior Notes. Future interest expense will vary depending on variable interest rates and amounts borrowed under our credit facility.

**Income tax expense** for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 totaled \$1.4 million compared to \$2.5 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2014. Our effective tax rate for the current quarter was 35.5% compared to 32.5% in the prior year quarter. The current quarter effective tax rate primarily includes tax expense on the current quarter's net income, and tax and interest expense on uncertain tax positions. The prior period effective tax rate primarily includes the tax expense on that quarter's net income, interest expense on uncertain tax positions, and the impact of maintaining valuation allowances on certain retail segment deferred tax assets, partly offset by the recognition of some uncertain tax positions.

**Net income** for the third quarter of fiscal 2015, was \$2.5 million compared to \$5.3 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2014. This resulted in net income per diluted share of \$0.09 for the third quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to \$0.18 per diluted share for the third quarter of fiscal 2014.

***Nine Months Ended March 31, 2015 Compared to Nine Months Ended March 31, 2014***

**Consolidated net sales** for the nine months ended March 31, 2015 increased 2.4% to \$561.0 million from \$547.8 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2014. The increase reflects the increased net sales in both our wholesale and retail segments.

**Wholesale net sales** for the nine months ended March 31, 2015 increased 4.6% to \$353.1 million from \$337.5 million in the prior year comparable period. We benefitted from shipments of new product floor samples, improved pricing during the current fiscal year, and four additional independent retailer Design Centers this fiscal year.

**Retail net sales** from the Company's retail segment for the nine months ended March 31, 2015 increased 0.6% to \$427.7 million from \$425.1 million for the prior year comparable period. Sales growth was negatively impacted by the major product transition creating disruption on the floors including increased clearance sales, and by a slight reduction in Design Centers from one year ago. Our written business (new orders booked) in the first nine months of fiscal 2015 increased 1.6% while comparable design center written business increased 2.5% compared to the comparable period of fiscal 2014.

**Gross profit** was \$305.0 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2015, up 2.4% from \$297.9 million in the prior year comparable period due to the growth in net sales in both our wholesale and retail segments. Consolidated gross margin for the first nine months of fiscal 2015 was 54.4%, even with the first nine months of fiscal 2014.

**Operating expenses** for the first nine months of fiscal 2015 increased \$5.1 million, or 2.0%, to \$257.6 million from \$252.5 million in the prior year comparable period due primarily to administrative cost increases and costs associated with the new product launch, and an asset impairment.

**Operating income and profit margin** for the first nine months of fiscal 2015 was \$47.4 million, or 8.4% of net sales, an increase of \$2.0 million, or 4.4%, from \$45.3 million, or 8.3% of net sales for the first nine months of fiscal 2014.

**Wholesale operating income** for the nine months ended March 31, 2015 was \$49.1 million, or 13.9% of sales, compared to \$43.5 million, or 12.9% of sales, in the prior year comparable period, improving due to the increases in sales and operating efficiency.

**Retail operating income** for the nine months ended March 31, 2015 was a loss of \$0.4 million, or 0.1% of sales, compared to income of \$2.4 million, or 0.6% of sales in the prior year comparable period, with an increase in operating costs due to costs associated with the new product launch, and an asset impairment.

**Interest and other income (expense)** for the first nine months of fiscal 2015 included a loss on the early extinguishment of our Senior Notes in the quarter ended March 2015 of \$3.7 million, which consisted of a \$3.5 million "make whole" payment, and the write off of unamortized balances of original issue discount, deferred financing



fees and derivative instruments.

**Income tax expense** for the first nine months ended both March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014 totaled \$14.1 million. Our effective tax rate for the current fiscal year was 36.5% compared to 35.3% in the prior fiscal year. The current year effective tax rate primarily includes tax expense on the current net income, and tax and interest expense on uncertain tax positions. The prior period effective tax rate primarily includes the tax expense on that periods net income, interest expense on uncertain tax positions, and the impact of maintaining valuation allowances on certain retail segment deferred tax assets, partly offset by the recognition of some uncertain tax positions.

**Net income** for the nine months ended March 31, 2015, was \$24.5 million compared to \$25.8 million in the prior year comparable period. This resulted in net income per diluted share of \$0.84 for the period ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$0.88 per diluted share for the period ended March 31, 2014.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

At March 31, 2015, we held unrestricted cash and equivalents of \$58.4 million, marketable securities of \$6.4 million, and restricted cash and investments of \$8.0 million. At June 30, 2014, we held unrestricted cash and cash equivalents of \$109.2 million, marketable securities of \$18.2 million, and restricted cash and investments of \$8.5 million. The decrease in unrestricted cash and cash equivalents was largely due to our early redemption of our Senior Notes. Our principal sources of liquidity include cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, cash flow from operations, amounts available under our credit facility, and other borrowings.

In September 2005, we issued \$200.0 million in ten-year senior unsecured notes due October 1, 2015 (the "Senior Notes"). The Senior Notes were issued by Global, bearing an annual coupon rate of 5.375% with interest payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1. We have used the net proceeds of \$198.4 million to improve our retail network, invest in our manufacturing and logistics operations, and for other general corporate purposes. In fiscal years 2011 through 2013, the Company repurchased an aggregate \$70.6 million of the Senior Notes in several unsolicited transactions. On March 18, 2015, we repaid the remaining balance of \$129.4 million, accrued interest of \$3.2 million, and a "make whole" payment of \$3.5 million, funded with \$61.1 million from the Company's existing cash balances, and \$75 million from our senior secured revolving credit and term loan facility. In connection with this early redemption, the Company incurred a \$3.7 million pre-tax charge, consisting of the "make whole" payment along with unamortized balances of bond discount and other costs. This charge is classified within the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income under Interest and Other Income (Expense).

The Company entered into a five year, \$150 million senior secured revolving credit and term loan facility on October 21, 2014, as amended January 28, 2015 (the "Facility"). The Facility amended and restated the previous five-year, \$50 million secured revolving credit facility in its entirety. The Facility, which expires on October 21, 2019, provides a term loan of up to \$35 million and a revolving credit line of up to \$115 million, subject to borrowing base availability. During March 2015, we utilized \$35 million of the term loan and \$40 million of the revolving credit line, along with available cash to fully redeem our Senior Notes. We incurred financing costs of \$1.5 million under the Facility, which are being amortized by the straight-line method, which approximates the interest method, over the remaining life of the Facility.

At the Company's option, revolving loans under the Facility bear interest, based on the average availability, at an annual rate of either (a) the London Interbank Offered rate ("LIBOR") plus 1.5% to 1.75%, or (b) the higher of (i) the prime rate, (ii) the federal funds effective rate plus 0.50%, or (iii) LIBOR plus 1.0% plus in each case 0.5% to 0.75%. At March 31, 2015 the annual interest rate in effect on the revolving loan was 1.8125%

At the Company's option, term loans under the Facility bear interest, based on the Company's rent adjusted leverage ratio, at an annual rate of either (a) the London Interbank Offered rate ("LIBOR") plus 1.75% to 2.25%, or (b) the higher of (i) the prime rate, (ii) the federal funds effective rate plus 0.50%, or (iii) LIBOR plus 1.0% plus in each case 0.75% to 1.25%. At March 31, 2015 the annual interest rate in effect on the term loan was 1.9375%

The Company pays a commitment fee of 0.15% to 0.25% per annum on the unused portion of the Facility, and fees on issued letters of credit at an annual rate of 1.5% to 1.75% based on the average availability. Certain payments are restricted if the availability under the revolving credit line falls below 20% of the total revolving credit line, and the Company is subject to pro forma compliance with the fixed charge coverage ratio if applicable.

Quarterly installments of principal on the term loan are payable based on a straight line 15 year amortization period, with the balance due at maturity. The Company does not expect to repay the revolving credit portion of the Facility

within the next year.

The Facility is secured by all property owned, leased or operated by the Company in the United States and includes certain real property owned by the Company and contains customary covenants which may limit the Company's ability to incur debt; engage in mergers and consolidations; make restricted payments (including dividends); sell certain assets; and make investments.

The Company must maintain at all times a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.0 to 1.0 for the first year and 1.1 to 1.0 all times thereafter. If the outstanding term loans are less than \$17.5 million and the fixed charge coverage ratio equals or exceeds 1.25 to 1.0, the fixed charge coverage ratio ceases to apply and thereafter shall only be triggered if average monthly availability is less than 15% of the amount of the revolving credit line. Our applicable fixed charge coverage ratio was 1.3 to 1.0 at March 31, 2015.

The Company intends to use the Facility for working capital and general corporate purposes, in addition to the refinancing of our Senior Notes which occurred in March 2015. At March 31, 2015, there was \$0.2 million of standby letters of credit outstanding under the Facility and total availability under the Facility of \$74.8 million.

The Facility replaced a \$50 million senior secured, asset-based revolving credit facility (the “Prior Facility”) which was in effect on June 30, 2014, and which would have expired March 25, 2016, or June 26, 2015 if the Senior Notes had not been refinanced prior to that date. At June 30, 2014, there was \$0.6 million of standby letters of credit outstanding under the Prior Facility. The Prior Facility was secured by all property owned, leased or operated by the Company in the United States excluding any real property owned by the Company and contained customary covenants limiting the Company’s ability to incur debt, engage in mergers and consolidations, make restricted payments (including dividends), sell certain assets, and make investments. Remaining availability under the Prior Facility totaled \$49.4 million at June 30, 2014 and as a result, covenants and other restricted payment limitations did not apply.

At both March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2014, we were in compliance with all covenants of the Senior Notes and the credit facilities.

A summary of net cash provided by (used in) operating, investing, and financing activities for the nine months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 is provided below (in millions):

Nine months ended

March 31,

2015

2014

**Operating Activities**

Net income plus depreciation and amortization

\$ 38.7 \$ 39.1

Working capital items

(25.5) (3.4)

Other operating activities

9.3 4.3

Total provided by operating activities

\$ 22.5 \$ 40.0

**Investing Activities**

Capital expenditures and acquisitions

\$ (19.5) \$ (12.6)

Net sales of marketable securities

11.3 (5.2)

Other investing activities

7.5 9.5

Total provided by investing activities

\$ (0.7) \$ (8.3)

**Financing Activities**

Borrowings from revolving credit and term loan facilities

75.0 -

Payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations

\$ (133.5) \$ (0.4)

Payment of cash dividends

(9.8) (8.4)

Purchase/retirement of company stock

(2.8) -

Other financing activities

(0.8) 0.3

Total used in financing activities

\$ (71.9) \$ (8.4)

### **Operating Activities**

In the first nine months of fiscal 2015, cash of \$22.5 million was provided by operating activities, a decrease of \$17.5 million from the prior year comparable period. This was largely due to more cash used in fiscal year 2015 for working capital in the ordinary course of business (primarily timing of payments on trade payables and accrued expenses), as well as changes to other working capital items (defined below). Net income plus depreciation and amortization in the current fiscal year includes a \$3.7 million expense for the early redemption of our Senior Notes. Of this amount, \$3.5 million is offset as a positive in other operating activities, as this is considered a financing activity and not an operating activity. Working capital items consist of current assets (accounts receivable, inventories, prepaid and other current assets) less current liabilities (customer deposits, payables, and accrued expenses and other current liabilities).

## Investing Activities

In the first nine months of fiscal 2015, \$0.7 million of cash was used in investing activities, whereas \$7.6 million more cash was used in the prior year comparable period. More cash was provided in the first nine months of fiscal 2015 primarily due to current fiscal year increases in net sales of marketable securities and in net proceeds on the sale of real estate, which was partly offset by increased current fiscal year capital expenditures related to the addition of new technology in our manufacturing, acquisitions and the remodeling of our design centers taking place in conjunction with the new product launch. We anticipate that cash from operations will be sufficient to fund future capital expenditures.

## Financing Activities

In the first nine months of fiscal 2015, \$71.9 million was used in financing activities, which is \$63.5 million more cash used than was used during the first nine months of fiscal 2014. This was primarily due to the early redemption of our Senior Notes in March 2015. The Senior Notes had a face value of \$129.4 million, which we redeemed by paying \$54.4 million with available cash, and \$75 million through the use of our credit facility. We also paid a \$3.5 million prepayment premium to bondholders as stipulated in the original bond indenture. During the third quarter of fiscal 2015 we resumed our stock repurchase program and utilized \$2.8 million to repurchase 103,766 shares at a weighted average cost of \$26.90 per share, and on April 13, 2015 the Board of Directors increased our share repurchase authorization to 3.0 million shares. Three quarterly dividends were paid in the first nine months of fiscal 2015 with a 20% dividend increase from \$0.10 to \$0.12 per share paid in October 2014 and January 2015, and on April 13, 2015 the Board of Directors increased the dividend rate to \$0.14 per share for the dividend payable in July 2015. The Company has continuously paid dividends for every quarter since 1996 and we expect to continue to do so as economic conditions and liquidity permit.

Our total debt obligations at March 31, 2015 consist of the following (in millions):

Revolving Credit Facility due 10/21/2019

\$ 40.0

Term Loan due 10/21/2019

\$ 35.0

Capital leases

\$ 2.8

Total debt

\$ 77.8

Less current maturities

\$ 2.8

Total long-term

\$ 75.0

The following table summarizes, as of March 31, 2015, the timing of cash payments related to our outstanding long-term debt obligations for the remaining three months of fiscal 2015, and each of the five fiscal years subsequent to June 30, 2015, and thereafter (in millions).

Periods ending June 30,

2015

\$ 0.3

2016

\$ 3.3

2017

\$ 3.3

2018

\$ 2.8

2019

\$ 2.4

2020

\$ 2.4

2021 and thereafter

\$ 63.3



Total scheduled debt payments

\$ 77.8

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There has been no material change to the amount or timing of cash payments related to our outstanding contractual obligations as set forth in Part II, Item 7 – Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2014 as filed with the SEC on August 15, 2014 other than the debt maturities as noted in this Item 2, Management Discussion and Analysis and as reflected in the above tables.

We believe that our cash flow from operations, together with our other available sources of liquidity including the Facility and refinancing alternatives, will be adequate to make all required payments of principal and interest on our debt, to permit anticipated capital expenditures, and to fund working capital and other cash requirements. As of March 31, 2015, we had working capital of \$128.8 million compared to \$169.6 million at June 30, 2014, a decrease of \$40.8 million, or 24.1%. This is primarily due to the early extinguishment of our Senior Notes. The Company had a current ratio of 1.94 to 1 at March 31, 2015 and 2.25 to 1 at June 30, 2014.

In addition to using available cash to fund changes in working capital, capital expenditures, acquisition activity, the repayment of debt, the payment of dividends, and debt repurchases, we have been authorized by our Board of Directors to repurchase shares of our common stock from time to time, either directly or through agents, in the open market at prices and on terms satisfactory to us. All of our common stock repurchases are recorded as treasury stock and result in a reduction of shareholders’ equity. During the quarter ending March 31, 2015 we repurchased the following shares of our common stock:

Nine months ended

March 31,

2015

2014

Common shares repurchased

103,766 -

Cost to repurchase common shares

\$ 2,791,439 \$ -

Average price per share

\$ 26.90 \$ -

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Other Commitments, Contingencies and Contractual Obligations**

We do not utilize or employ any off-balance sheet arrangements, including special-purpose entities, in operating our business. As such, we do not maintain any (i) retained or contingent interests, (ii) derivative instruments (other than as specified below), or (iii) variable interests which could serve as a source of potential risk to our future liquidity, capital resources and results of operations.

We may, from time to time in the ordinary course of business, provide guarantees on behalf of selected affiliated entities or become contractually obligated to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of certain business agreements. The nature and extent of these guarantees and obligations may vary based on our underlying relationship with the benefiting party and the business purpose for which the guarantee or obligation is being provided. The only such program in place both at March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2014 was for our consumer credit program.

#### **Ethan Allen Consumer Credit Program**

The terms and conditions of our consumer credit program, which is financed and administered by a third-party financial institution on a non-recourse basis to Ethan Allen, are set forth in an agreement between the Company and that financial service provider (the "Program Agreement") which was last amended effective January 2014. Any independent retailer choosing to participate in the consumer credit program is required to enter into a separate agreement with that same third-party financial institution which sets forth the terms and conditions under which the retailer is to perform in connection with its offering of consumer credit to its customers (the "Retailer Agreement"). We have obligated ourselves on behalf of any independent retailer choosing to participate in our consumer credit program by agreeing, in the event of default, breach, or failure of the independent retailer to perform under such Retailer Agreement, to take on certain responsibilities of the independent retailer, including, but not limited to, delivery of goods and reimbursement of customer deposits. Customer receivables originated by independent retailers remain non-recourse to Ethan Allen. The term of the Program Agreement ends July 31, 2019, including a provision for automatic one year renewals unless either party gives notice of termination. While the maximum potential amount of future payments (undiscounted) that we could be required to make under this obligation is indeterminable, recourse provisions exist that would enable us to recover, from the independent retailer, any amount paid or incurred by us related to our performance. Based on the underlying creditworthiness of our independent retailers, including their historical ability to satisfactorily perform in connection with the terms of our consumer credit program, we believe

this obligation will expire without requiring funding by us. To ensure funding for delivery of products sold, the terms of the Program Agreement also contain a right for the financial services provider to demand from the Company collateral at a variable rate based on the volume of program sales if the Company does not meet a minimum adjusted working capital balance. At March 31, 2015 that requirement is \$130 million, and our balance was \$137 million. If collateral had been required, it would have been approximately \$5 million. As of March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2014, no collateral was required under the Program Agreement.

## **Product Warranties**

Our products, including our case goods, upholstery and home accents, generally carry explicit product warranties that extend from one to ten years and are provided based on terms that are generally accepted in the industry. All of our domestic independent retailers are required to enter into and perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of a warranty service agreement. We record provisions for estimated warranty and other related costs at time of sale based on historical warranty loss experience and make periodic adjustments to those provisions to reflect actual experience. On rare occasions, certain warranty and other related claims involve matters of dispute that ultimately are resolved by negotiation, arbitration or litigation. In certain cases, a material warranty issue may arise which is beyond the scope of our historical experience. We provide for such warranty issues as they become known and are deemed both probable and estimable. It is reasonably possible that, from time to time, additional warranty and other related claims could arise from disputes or other matters beyond the scope of our historical experience. At both March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2014, our product warranty liability was approximately \$1 million.

## **Business Outlook**

We expect the home furnishings industry to remain extremely competitive with respect to both the sourcing of products and the wholesale and retail sale of those products for the foreseeable future. Domestic manufacturers continue to face pricing pressures because of the lower manufacturing costs in some other countries, particularly within Asia. While we have also turned to overseas sourcing to remain competitive, we choose to differentiate ourselves by maintaining a substantial North American manufacturing base, where we can leverage our vertically integrated structure to our advantage. We continue to believe that a balanced approach to product sourcing, which includes our own North American manufacturing of certain product offerings coupled with the import of other selected products, provides the greatest degree of flexibility and is the most effective approach to ensuring that acceptable levels of quality, service and value are attained.

Many U.S. macroeconomic factors have improved during the past three years including lowered unemployment, improved consumer confidence, and the growth of housing related market indicators. However, a change in consumer confidence could have an impact on consumer discretionary spending habits and, as a result, our business. We therefore remain cautiously optimistic about our performance due to the many strong programs already in place and others we currently plan to introduce in the coming months. Our retail strategy involves (i) a continued focus on providing new product introductions, a wide array of product solutions, and superior interior design solutions through our large staff of interior design professionals, (ii) continuing strong advertising and marketing campaigns to get our message across and to continue broadening our customer base, (iii) the opening of new or relocated design centers in more prominent locations, and encouraging independent retailers to do the same, (iv) leveraging the use of technology and personal service within our retail network, and (v) further expansion internationally. We believe this strategy provides an opportunity to grow our business.



### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

We are exposed to market risks relating to fluctuations in interest rates.

Interest rate risk exists primarily through our borrowing activities. We utilize United States dollar denominated borrowings to fund substantially all our working capital and investment needs. Short-term debt, if required, is used to meet working capital requirements and long-term debt is generally used to finance long-term investments. There is inherent rollover risk for borrowings as they mature and are renewed at current market rates. The extent of this risk is not quantifiable or predictable because of the variability of future interest rates and our future financing requirements.

For floating-rate obligations, interest rate changes do not affect the fair value of the underlying financial instrument but would impact future earnings and cash flows, assuming other factors are held constant. Conversely, for fixed-rate obligations, interest rate changes affect the fair value of the underlying financial instrument but would not impact earnings or cash flows. At March 31, 2015, we had \$75 million of floating-rate debt obligations outstanding under our credit facility. We currently do not engage in any interest rate hedging activity and we have no intention of doing so in the foreseeable future. Based on the average interest rate on the credit facility during the quarter ended March 31, 2015, and to the extent that borrowings were outstanding, a 10% change in the interest rate would not have a material effect on our consolidated results of operations and financial condition. For information regarding the Company's other risk factors, see Part II, Item 7A – Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2014 as filed with the SEC on August 15, 2014.

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

#### **Management's Report on Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management, including the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and the Executive Vice President Administration and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, the CEO and CFO have concluded that, as of March 31, 2015, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that material information relating to us (including our consolidated subsidiaries), which is required to be disclosed by us in our periodic reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and (ii) accumulated and communicated to management, including the CEO and CFO, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

### **Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2015 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II - OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

There have been no material changes to the matters discussed in Part I, Item 3 - Legal Proceedings in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2014 as filed with the SEC on August 15, 2014.

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

There have been no material changes to the matters discussed in Part I, Item 1A – Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2014 as filed with the SEC on August 15, 2014.



**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

*Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities*

Certain information regarding purchases made by or on behalf of us or any affiliated purchaser (as defined in Rule 10b-18(a)(3) under the Exchange Act) of our common stock during the three months ended March 31, 2015 on a settlement date basis is provided below:

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

January 1, 2015 - January 31, 2015

- - - 1,101,490

February 1, 2015 - February 28, 2015

50,000 \$ 27.16 50,000 1,051,490

March 1, 2015 - March 31, 2015

53,766 \$ 26.66 53,766 997,724

During March 2015 we also returned to treasury 181,401 shares of common stock tendered upon the exercise of outstanding employee stock options (142,704 to cover share exercise and 38,697 to cover taxes and fees). On November 13, 2007, the Board of Directors increased the then remaining share repurchase authorization to 2,000,000 shares, and on April 13, 2015 by an additional 2,000,000 shares. Subsequent to the April 13, 2015 Board action the maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under our publicly announced repurchase program is 2,997,724 shares.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

Not applicable.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Other Information**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

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**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.

**ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC.**

(Registrant)

DATE: April 27, 2015

BY:/s/ M. Farooq Kathwari

M. Farooq Kathwari

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

DATE: April 27, 2015

BY:/s/ Corey Whitely

Corey Whitely

Executive Vice President Administration

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